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OUI charges dropped against Selectman Rooney cleared

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Next summer, Selectman James Rooney will be able to take his boat out onto the waters of Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire, thanks to a decision made by Laconia District Court to drop two charges brought against him this past summer.

In June, Rooney was arrested on Lake Winnepesaukee by two Marine Patrol Officers who charged him with operating a boat while intoxicated and refusing to take a breathalyzer test. The two officers initially approached Rooney in his boat because they had noticed that he did not have his lights on. On Thursday, December 7, Laconia District Court cleared Rooney of the charges when prosecutors conceded that they did not have enough evidence to proceed.

"I felt all along that they did not have enough evidence," says Rooney's lawyer, Haverhill Attorney Jerry LaFlamme.

Rooney had the same feeling, as

well.

"I knew this would be the outcome," says Rooney, who earlier this year retired from his position as a sergeant at the Wilmington Police Department.

Furthermore, Rooney says that he bears no ill will towards the two young officers who approached him on his boat that summer night.

"They were two nice and polite kids, but they were highly untrained," says Rooney. "It was highly evident to me at the time. I have no animosity towards them, but I would like to see the New Hampshire Marine Patrol make some changes in their training program."

At stake in the case were Rooney's right to operate both a boat and a motor vehicle. If the prosecutors had proceeded and the court had decided against Rooney, then he could have had both privileges suspended for as long as a year. State officials in New Hampshire would have notified authorities in Massachusetts, who at that point

would have decided whether or not to enforce the ruling here at home, or rescind it.

"It's a bizarre statute," suggests Attorney LaFlamme. "Both charges against my client are treated as non-criminal, so there is no due process involved. Therefore, all constitutional arguments fall short."

Rooney will have to pay \$468 in response to a third matter that had been brought against him. The fine covers a defective equipment-related charge that Rooney had been operating his boat without a stern light.

"Mr. Rooney did have a stern light on his boat, but it wasn't screwed all the way in, so it was not illuminated at the time," says LaFlamme.

According to Rooney, he knew that night that all charges brought against him would not hold up in court. When asked if he feels vindicated, he offered a single word of response:

"Yes."

Olin holds open house

By CHARLOTTE COOPER

WILMINGTON Olin Corporation hosted an open house at its 51 Eames Street facility on Tuesday, December 12.

Olin representatives, their environmental consultants and state officials were on hand to discuss the progress to date, as well as answer questions and concerns.

"Basically what we're involved in is completing the characterization of the site in its entirety," said

Director Margaret Hanley, of Sleeman, Hanley & DiNitto, Inc., the company's environmental consultant engineers. "We are looking at all of the areas that could have been impacted by the activities on the property."

She added that concurrent with that activity, they have identified things that they can address immediately, such as the drums on the site.

"What we are going to be starting

this year is an evaluation of the remedial alternatives for those parts of the site that cannot be addressed in a straightforward manner," Ms. Hanley said. She added that they have to study the alternatives in terms of the impact the remedial action would have on the environment, how it would affect the public, and what the involved costs would be.

"Our focus will be on the data that has been collected to date for the entire site, collecting some additional data in several locations and then using that information to evaluate the most appropriate remedial alternative," Ms. Hanley said.

The history of the property begins with National Polychemicals, Inc., who purchased the 53-acre property in 1953 and began manufacturing chemicals. From 1953 to 1980, the company changed ownership several times, but continued to manufacture specialty chemicals for the rubber and plastics industry.

Raw materials used at the facility included sodium dichromate. The manufacturing processes generated liquid wastes, which contained sulfuric acid, sodium chloride, sodium sulfate, ammonium chloride, ammonium sulfate, chromium sulfate and other organic constituents. Prior to 1970, the wastes were emptied into unlined onsite pits, such as

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Town Crier Founder dies Capt. Larz Neilson

Captain Larz Neilson died December 9, 2000 at the Woodbriar Nursing Home. He was 89 years old.

Larz, as he was known to most people founded this newspaper in 1955, after a 20 year career at sea and six years in the newspaper business. He was known for his character, wit, superb memory and stubbornness, but above all his fairness.

The Captain could tell you where you lived, who your neighbors were and when you first subscribed to the paper. In the early years of the paper he would make a personal visit to every new family in town.

Larz attended every club and

organization in town from Cub Scouts to the Historical Commission. He was a familiar face at the selectmen and the planning board. Everyone at the school committee knew him.

He was a member and past president of the Wilmington Rotary Club and a very frequent visitor to the Tewksbury Rotary Club.

He was a past president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and a lifetime member of their board of directors.

A complete obituary appears on page 12 of this paper and a tribute on page eight.



POINTING THE WAY. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce invited local photographers to submit their work for the consideration of having it published in the organization's new 2000 town map. Above are the winners. Front row: Robert Ethier, left, and Eric Neilson. Second row, from left to right: Mary Durkee; Ann Lessa; Lindsey Courier; and Doreen Crowe. (Courtesy photo)

You can now get there from here Chamber unfolds map

By AMY HELENE

WILMINGTON - Ever wanted to show someone all that Wilmington has to offer? You do not need to wait anymore because the all-new 2000 Street Map of Wilmington, Massachusetts has arrived.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce coordinated the brochure to reflect current information about the town, including a map of the area, the history of the community, a listing of local businesses and much more.

The chamber produces a new map every other year, but this year is special because it is celebrating its fortieth year serving the community.

Chamber Board President Susan Riley says that the organization's staff spent a lot of time and effort to showcase this commemorative occasion.

The 2000 edition has two new features. Not only is there a new com-

munity map showing you where to go in Wilmington, but all of the pictures are in color too, giving you an up close and personal touch to what you will see in the community.

"The pictures show the real beauty of Wilmington. They are absolutely gorgeous," Riley said.

There are more than thirty photos featured throughout the map, and they were taken by local citizens. The chamber started a photo contest last February to find local photographers who would like to submit their work. They found nineteen local photographers who were interested. Chamber Executive Director Sandy Murphy says that all of the pictures submitted were great and capture Wilmington's picturesque attractions.

All individuals who submitted a picture were invited to the chamber's recent holiday celebration, where they received a certificate acknowledging the appreciation for

entering the contest and for submitting such excellent clips that show the beauty of Wilmington throughout all four seasons.

"For most of these people, photography is their hobby," Murphy explains. "It's something they really enjoy, and now their work is published."

Most of the photos are showcased on the information section of the map. Under each photo is the description of the picture, along with the name of the photographer who shot it.

The chamber and the staff at the Town Hall collaborated on the information section of the map to get all of the statistics and facts correct. One can find out where Wilmington is exactly located, along with how close the town is to major highways. Information about available public transportation is also provided.

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Wilmington Selectmen Shortest, final 2000 meeting

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - If you blinked as you watched the December 11 Selectmen meeting on WCTV, then you probably missed it. The board zipped through its agenda in what was easily its shortest meeting of the year.

To kick off the twelve days of Christmas, here are twelve of the

low-key developments that filled the board's holiday stocking on Monday night.

1) Selectmen Chairman Michael Newhouse asked Town Manager Michael Caira to send to legislators James Miceli, Bruce Tarr and Charlie Murphy a letter requesting that they dedicate their efforts to reworking or rewriting the state's

comprehensive permit statutes.

The issue of the permits have been around for a long time, but Chairman Newhouse had been encouraged recently when he read about neighboring communities communicating with their legislators on the matter, as well.

According to Newhouse, comprehensive permits enable developers to avoid local zoning laws as they construct their projects. However, if ten percent of a town's housing is "affordable," then comprehensive permits are no longer available to developers.

Currently, Wilmington's percentage of affordable housing falls short of that threshold. It is the hope of Newhouse and others that remedies may be devised to alleviate that burden of the local government.

2) Charles W. Doucette, of Charlie's Auto Sales, was given permission by the board to transfer ownership of his business to his son, Thomas.

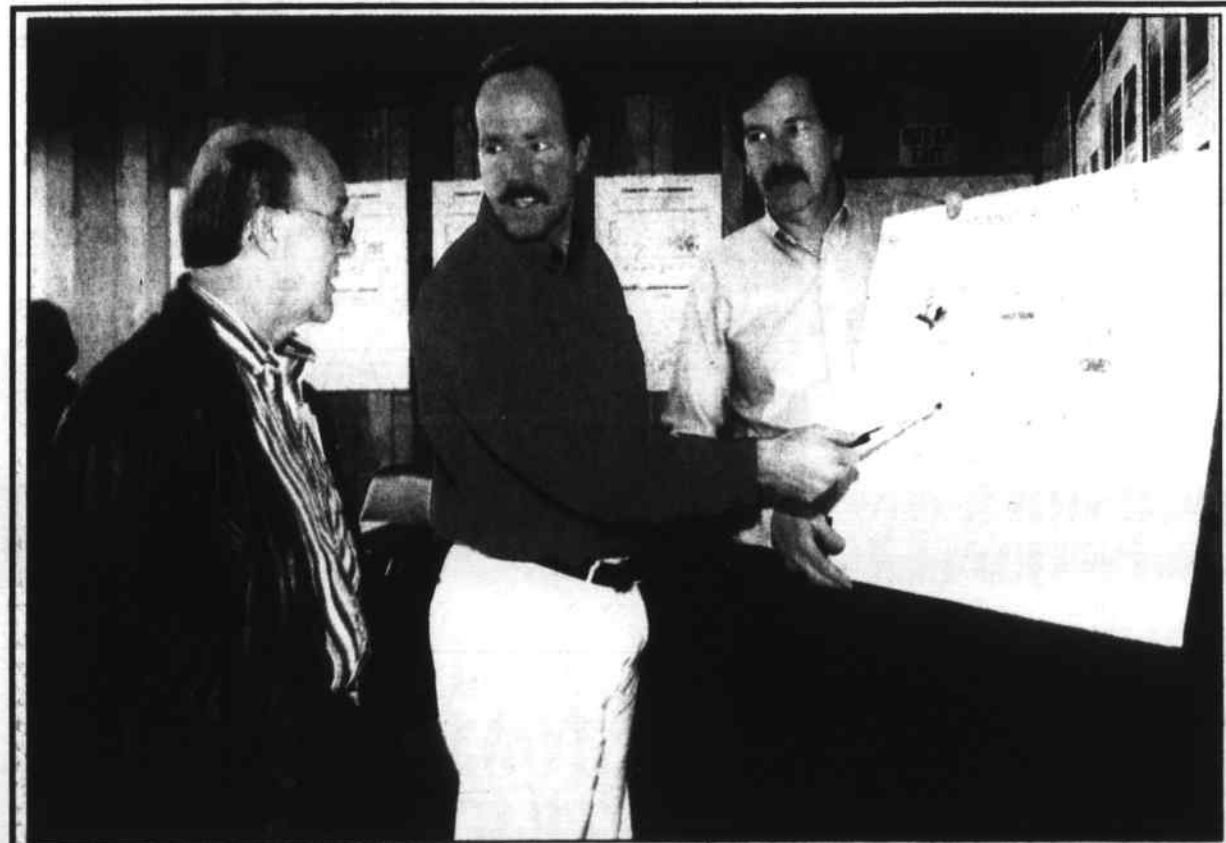
Adamo Rufo, of Foreign Auto Care, was approved for a change in name.

Robert E. Grassia, of Verizon New England, was granted permission to place an underground conduit on Kilmarnock Street.

However, Richard Vetrano, of East Coast Customs, who was slat-

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COME ONE, COME ALL. Tony LoNigro, left, who is a nearby property owner to the Olin Corporation site at 51 Eames Street in Wilmington, attended the company's open house on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 12. Department of Environmental Protection representative Chris Pyott, who is the project manager for the site, discusses with LoNigro the construction of a containment wall at the location. Holding the blueprint is Olin Environmental Project Manager Steve Morrow. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Survivors, loved ones pick up pace on breast cancer research

By CHARLOTTE COOPER
WILMINGTON / TEWKSBURY

According to the American Cancer Society, other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States.

Fifty-eight-year-old Sheila DeLeo, of Tewksbury, and fifty-nine-year-old Jeanette Tighe, of Wilmington, survived their ordeal with breast cancer and now combine their efforts by participating in the annual American Cancer Society walk event, which raises funds for cancer research.

"The Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors' families and friends raised \$6,000 this year," says Tighe. Thirty-five members, family members and friends boarded a bus rented by the association and attended the six-mile walk around the Charles River in Boston on October 15th.

"It's the largest breast cancer walk in the country," states Tighe. She says that it is the sixth annual walk event. "It's grown substantially since last year. We had about 35,000 participants this year."

Last year the walk attracted 30,000 walkers. Research has led to progress against breast cancer, creating better treatments, better chances for survival and an improved quality of life. Through research, knowledge about breast cancer increases. Scientists are learning more about the causes of breast cancer, exploring new ways for prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

There are several types of breast cancer. Among them are ductal

carcinoma and lobular carcinoma. Once diagnosed, other tests determine the extent of the cancer and methods of treatment can be developed using the data. Treatments can be through surgery, hormones, radiation, chemicals, or a combination of therapies.

"What I like most about this walk is that all of the donations go to cancer research in Massachusetts," says DeLeo.

Tighe says that thanks to the generous donations from the communities, they raised \$1,000 more this year than last year.

Each year, approximately 180,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer.

Men are also at risk of developing breast cancer, although at a much lower rate. Breast cancer affects more than 1,000 men in this country yearly. Although experts do not recommend routine screening for men, information on symptoms, diagnosis, treatment and living with the disease applies to men, as well.

"We know every year when the walk is going to be scheduled," says Tighe. "We usually start by Labor Day to promote the walk."

Tighe says that they like to get an early start with asking for volunteers to walk in the event. "We did the full six miles, but there was a short cut for those who couldn't complete the trek."

She says that they look for people from Tewksbury and Wilmington to join them for the walk. A bus is hired to take the group into and out of Boston. Volunteers from Tewksbury, Wilmington, Stoneham and Reading joined the group.

Tighe says that there is a pink ribbon tree with the names of breast cancer survivors both living and deceased. The ribbons have accumulated over the six-year length of the event. She mentions that it resembles a quilt.

"I met people from all over Massachusetts," says Tighe. "We all came there for the same reason. They either lost someone from breast cancer, knew someone with it or have experienced it themselves."

Tighe is a 20-year survivor of breast cancer and President-elect of the Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors. DeLeo is a 10-year survivor of breast cancer and a 5-year survivor of a brain tumor. She also lost her husband five years ago.

"I think that attitude is everything [in coping with the disease]," says Tighe. "It's important that when you're given a [second] chance in life, you give something back."

Tighe also notes that an early detection of breast cancer saved her life. "I encourage every woman to get a mammogram every year. Early detection is very important."

"You need to ride the bumps in the road to get through life," concludes DeLeo. She adds that through her experiences she has learned to appreciate everything in life. She also says that attitude is very important when you are trying to overcome a crisis. "Life is what you make it. You can get up in the morning and be happy that you are given one more day or be angry for something. I choose to be happy."

Catanzano and Williams named to Who's Who

WILMINGTON - Nicole R. Catanzano and Suzanne G. Williams, both of Wilmington and students at Worcester State College, have been named as outstanding leaders and have been included in the 2001 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Nicole and Suzanne were chosen, along with 52 other students attending Worcester State College, on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Letter from Santa to your child

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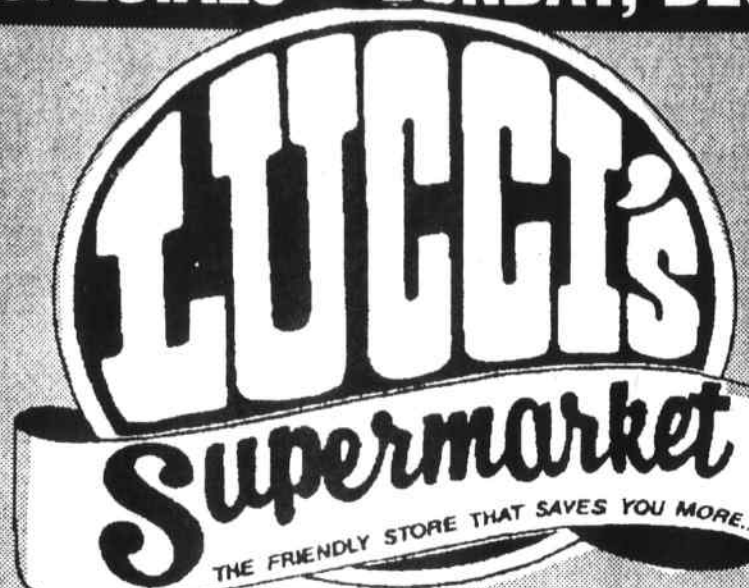
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...From the Editor's Desk

A chance to prove it's a wonderful life

The hopes that Wilmington resident Jean Robinson had that she would be able to provide her two daughters with the merriest of Christmases were extinguished by a single criminal act earlier this week.

Robinson, who works the third shift at CVS at Wilmington Plaza so that she can be a mother by day, used her break at 3 a.m. on Monday morning to leave the store and gas up her car. When she returned to the plaza, she placed her pocketbook underneath the passenger's seat of her car for safe keeping. When she got back into her car when her night shift ended at 7 a.m. she discovered that someone had broken their way inside and stolen her pocketbook.

It was, however, more than a pocketbook that was stolen. It was her livelihood.

Inside the pocketbook was her driver's license, her credit cards, her Social Security card and her medical cards. Also inside the pocketbook were things closer to her heart, such as two separate locks of hair that she has kept since the times her daughters got their first haircuts years ago.

It gets worse. Robinson also had in her pocketbook a sum of approximately \$1,000, every penny of which she was going to use to pay the security and the first month's rent on an apartment in Nashua, New Hampshire.

"All my daughters wanted for Christmas was a place to live," says Robinson. "They even asked Santa Claus for one. Now I have just 45 cents to my name."

You've read that quote correctly, and the conclusion that you have likely drawn from it is correct, as well: Robinson has essentially been homeless since October.

She has been living in her car ever since, searching all over for places for her two daughters, ages 7 and 10, to stay in the meantime. Sometimes they stay with their father, from whom Robinson separated earlier this fall. He, however, is also experiencing financial difficulties and can only provide for the two girls for so long. Other times, the girls stay with friends.

Robinson's would-be landlord up in Nashua has empathized with her situation to the point that he can only hold on to her apartment until this Saturday. In fact, he needs the money by Friday. With her hard-earned money in the pockets of a thief, that is not going to happen.

"I have a friend who has helped me, and we looked everywhere between here and Canada for an apartment," says Robinson. "It took us two months to find this apartment in Nashua. Who knows how much longer it is going to take for me to save more money and find another apartment if this doesn't work out?"

Robinson has reported her incident to Officer Brian Pupa, who frequently stops by CVS after hours and checks on how the night crew there is doing. She has also turned to various governmental agencies, such as the welfare office, but, ironically, they could not help her because she does, after all, have a job.

"I'm a worker," Robinson proudly states. "I don't want handouts, but I'm in a desperate situation right now."

The best scene in the holiday classic "It's a Wonderful Life" comes when the friends and neighbors and townspeople visit the house of Jimmy Stewart's George Bailey and each give him one dollar, in essence helping him recoup the \$8,000 that mean old Mr. Potter stole from him earlier on Christmas Eve. We do not live in the age of film director Frank Capra, so it would take an unwavering idealism to believe that if just 1,000 people in town donated one dollar by Friday morning, then Robinson's problem would be solved. Those of you with such idealism know who you are, and you are most certainly welcome to call the Town Crier at 658-2346 and ask how you can help.

Let's make a pitch, though, to the one party responsible for the dire situation in which Jean Robinson and her two daughters find themselves. Let's turn our attention to the person or people who jimmed the locks on that car and snatched that pocketbook in the wee hours of Monday morning.

We are not interested in why you stole Jean Robinson's pocketbook. Maybe you're in a desperate situation yourself, and you need money to buy gifts for the loved ones in your life. Or, let's face it, maybe your heart has been blackened and you need money for your own selfish needs.

Here's your chance, though, to prove it's a wonderful life. We invite you to return Jean Robinson's pocketbook, or at the very least slip the stolen money into an envelope. If anonymously returning such goods to the police department is too daunting for you, then we invite you to bring such personal property to the Town Crier at 104 Lowell Street. You can slip the materials through our mail slot. No questions will be asked.

Is it idealistic to believe that you may do such a thing? Maybe. It is, however, the Christmas season and we all do well by each other when we reveal our humanity and help set things right. After all, when you stole the money from Robinson's car, you didn't just break into the home of her and her daughters. You stole their future home from them.

College-bound students can take ACT Assessment

TEWKSBURY/WILMINGTON- College bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on February 10, 2001, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is January 5. Late registration postmark deadline is January 19 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation. ACT scores are accepted at all Ivy League colleges. The test fee is \$23 (\$26 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with

a student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admission and the appropriate course placement for new students.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school counselor or register online on ACT's website - www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test preparation materials.



Letters To The Editor

Santa stopped at the Food Pantry. Could your house be next?

Dear Editor:

I am happy to report that Santa Claus is alive and well. I know this because he came early to the Tewksbury Community Pantry. From his goodie bag he pulled out marvelous gifts that we have shared with our friends and families who come to the pantry for help.

Santa brought us many food drive goodies, all of them wrapped in plastic and cardboard boxes. Our shelves are filled so much that food has overflowed onto the floor. These presents were given to us by the students from all of the schools in Tewksbury, the congregations of all of the churches, and many of the other organizations in town.

Many envelopes and piles of coins

landed on our desk. We found checks from the citizens of Tewksbury and money from people who dropped their change into the collection canisters that have been placed around town.

With childlike anticipation, we shook one of our presents and out came hats and mittens, enough to give every child who comes to the pantry for food. These were made by a group of mothers, some with their daughters. I watched a 12-year-old girl light up with joy as she tried on her new fleece hat and mittens. Our adult friends who needed a hat or gloves also received a warm surprise of hats, mittens and scarves that were made by some wonderful women in town.

A very sweet present was wrapped in plastic and bows. It was five gingerbread houses made by the girls in scout troop 807. There were ten Christmas trees from Boy Scout Troop 47. There were also 26 food store gift certificates from the Wynn Middle School. There were people with turkeys and food baskets too.

The Knights of Columbus and the Elk Club members tumbled out of Santa's sack to bring some extra food to our families' holiday tables.

From the bottom of Santa's large bag came the best gift of all, the many faithful volunteers who do the work at the pantry and give hundreds of hours of their time to help their neighbors.

Thank you, Santa, for the gift of a community that cares for its neighbors. We are humbled by these generous gifts.

To all of the people of Tewksbury from the Tewksbury Community Pantry, we hope that Santa will be as good to you as he was to us. Merry Christmas, happy holidays, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,
Sandra A. Geddy
President
Tewksbury Community
Pantry, Inc.
999 Whipple Road
Tewksbury
978-858-2273

Like the drink, WHS seniors offers thanks "and a smile"

Dear Editor:

The Wilmington High School Senior Class would like to thank Coca Cola for its generous donation to help make this year's craft fair a success. The Christmas Craft Fair was held on Saturday, November 25 at the high school. The senior class was able to raise money that will help defer the cost of the Senior prom and this year's yearbook. Thank you for your continued support.

We would also like to thank Uncle Mickey's Pizza for generously reducing the cost of the pizza that we sold at the craft fair. Because of Coca Cola and Uncle Mickey's generosity, the craft fair was a success for the Class of 2001.

We thank you again.

Sincerely,
The Senior Class Officers
Class of 2001

Designated Drivers: This season's unsung heroes

Dear Editor:

'Tis the season for celebrating at holiday parties with family, friends and coworkers. Since it is important to celebrate responsibly, the holiday party designated driver is this season's hero. Across the country, Americans recognize designated drivers as an important group of people. A recent poll shows that 92% of the public endorses the designated driver concept as an excellent or good way to curb drunk driving. One hundred and twelve million adults say that they have been a designated driver or have been driven home by one.

According to the statistics released by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1999, drunk driv-

ing fatalities are down 41% since 1982. Designated drivers certainly deserve some of the credit for that. Obviously, there is still room for improvement and more work needs to be done, but when it comes to reducing drunk driving fatalities, we all make a difference.

As adults in our community making plans for holiday parties, please remember that responsible drinking is everyone's responsibility. Make designated drivers a part of your party planning.

Sincerely,
Anne McGregor
Consumer Awareness &
Education Coordinator
D.J. Reardon Co., Inc.

... More thanks from the Class of 2001

Dear Editor:

On November 25, 2000, the Wilmington High School held its annual craft fair. The raffle table this year was a huge success, thanks largely to the support from the following local businesses:

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Our special thanks to Mrs. for the yearly contribution. Thanks again for your continuous support of Wilmington High School.

Cheryl Hiltz
Representing the Senior Class
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It's "Hats Off" for Gangemi and Jackman

TEWKSBURY - Diana Gangemi and Edward Jackman have been named Tewksbury Memorial High School "Hat's Off" students for the month of December.

Diana Gangemi
Daughter of Christine and Daniel Gangemi has been awarded the TMHS Renaissance Gold Card and Silver Card and has been named to the honor roll.

She is a member of Class Council, Prom Committee, Peer Leadership and DECA Club in her junior year.

Among her athletic accomplishments, she served as captain of the field hockey team in her junior and senior year, was All-Conference for two years, a cheerleader for the basketball team and played softball as a freshman.

Diana was selected for Lowell Sun All Star Field Hockey Team and Athlete of the Week Award and was a member of the Division II Cheerleading Team Champions 1998-99.

She coached junior high field hockey, volunteers at the Teen Center, assists the elderly, volunteers at Haunted House and serves as a dance instructor.

Her work experience includes Marshall's, the Fashion Bug and babysitting.

Diana would like to major in nursing and work in the emergency room. She has applied to St. Anselm's, Salve Regina, UMass, Lowell and Worcester State.

Edward Jackman
The son of Maureen and Edward Jackman has been the recipient of the TMHS Renaissance Gold Card and Silver Card as well as the Red and Blue Card and has been named to the honor roll.

He served as editor of the student newspaper (The Press) in his senior year; assistant editor in his junior year and contributed to the newspaper during his high school career. He spent a year in the TMHS International Club and DECA.

Edward holds a first degree black belt in Taekwondo and was selected for advanced placement in the biology program.

His community service includes being a Taekwondo Black Belt Club member, a Taekwondo lower ranking student instructor, Taekwondo weapons demonstration team member and he volunteers to help handicapped staff person with feeding him lunch and the organization of his personal/professional items.

Edward would like to attend UMass, Amherst to major in pre-medical studies.

Wilmington Senior Topics

Seniors can apply via the internet

WILMINGTON - Social Security has announced that the public can now apply for Social Security retirement benefits on the Internet at its website, www.ssa.gov.

"People will now be able to apply for Social Security retirement benefits on line at their convenience," said Thomas M. Abbott, Social Security manager in Lowell. "This new online service offers the public an easy and convenient way to obtain the benefits they expect and deserve. As we move into the 21st century, Social Security will be using 21st technology to meet the service needs of customers."

An applicant using Social Security's website to apply for benefits will fill out the online application and send the information electronically to the agency. The applicant must print a copy of the completed application form, sign it and mail or take it to the address provided by Social Security.

Along with the signed form, Social Security also needs certain documents, such as a person's birth certificate, to establish eligibility for Social Security benefits. An applicant can either mail or take these items to Social Security. The electronic application will be stored on

a database and automatically be retrieved when Social Security receives the applicant's signed application.

Individuals must meet certain conditions in order to take advantage of the Internet retirement benefit application. For example, they must be at least 61 years and nine months old or older and plan to start receiving benefits within four months.

Interested individuals can go directly to www.ssa.gov/applytoiret, the location of the online retirement benefits form.

Buzzell Senior Center updates

December 20, Sign up for "Little Christmas Celebration." Event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3 at 1 p.m. at a cost of \$3.

Christmas Caroling at 2 p.m. at the Center performed by West Intermediate Students, homemade refreshments.

December 21, 9:30 a.m. at Wilmington High School, students perform Christmas Carols; light pastries immediately following.

December 22, Happy Hanukkah to all.



A DINNER AT YOUR DOOR. On Sunday, December 10, Dan Cheeney, the son of Wilmington Kiwanian Doug Cheeney, brought a holiday dinner to the front door of Helen Breault, a resident of Deming Way. The good deed was done as part of the 25th Annual Holiday Dinner at Deming Way. The event was sponsored by the Wilmington Kiwanis Club. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Wilmington Seniors

Week of December 18

Monday: Chicken and gravy, whipped potato, seasoned green beans, chilled pineapple, wheat bread and butter, milk, pudding with topping.

Tuesday: BBQ pork rib with sauce on the side, fluffy rice, California blend vegetables, bread and butter, chilled applesauce, milk, dessert.

Wednesday: Oven baked chicken, scalloped potato, seasoned oriental vegetable, pumpernickel bread, cranberry sauce, milk, dessert.

Thursday: Meatloaf and gravy, mashed potato, seasoned whole kernel corn, bread and butter, chilled peaches, milk, brownie.

Friday: Oven baked fish dinner, whipped potato, seasoned carrots, bread and butter, orange juice, milk, dessert.

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School Lunch Menus

Wilmington Schools

Week of December 18

Boutwell & Wildwood
Monday: "Munchables" Ham squares, cheese squares, crackers, cucumber & carrot wheels, chilled fruit, milk/juice, smartfood popcorn.

Tuesday: "Rugrat Day" Rugrat chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese sandwich, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, Rugrat fruit snacks.

Wednesday: "Pasta Day" Rotini macaroni with butter, sauce opt., meatballs, tossed salad, breadstick, chilled fruit, milk/juice, pretzels.

Thursday: Tuna salad or egg salad on hot dog roll, potato chips, carrot & celery sticks with dip, chilled fruit, milk/juice, Oreo cookies.

Friday: Italian style pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Elementary Schools

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, pickles, French fries or potato rounds, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, fruit snack.

Tuesday: Tomato soup w/saltines, grilled cheese sandwich, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dirt cup dessert.

Wednesday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, fluffy rice, seasoned green beans, dinner roll, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Ravioli, seasoned vegetable, breadstick, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza, pepperoni opt., seasoned vegetable,

cheese cubes, graham crackers, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Middle Schools

Monday: Chicken and gravy with mashed potato, seasoned carrots, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: BBQ rib on a hoagie, oven baked French fries, seasoned corn, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Popcorn chicken, hash browns, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Thursday: Ravioli, seasoned vegetable, breadstick, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Stuffed crust pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

High School
Monday: "Egg McMuffin Your Way" Egg McMuffin with choice of ham, sausage or Canadian bacon, diced potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: BBQ rib on a hoagie, fluffy rice, seasoned peas, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Wednesday: Taco bar, seasoned rice, shredded lettuce, tomato and cheese, chilled fruit, milk/juice, jello with topping.

Thursday: American and Italian subs with sub fixings, potato chips, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Friday: Italian style pizza, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Tewksbury Schools

Week of December 18

Monday: Chilled juice or fruit, baconburger on roll with lettuce & tomato, corn, milk.

Tuesday: BBQ rib dippers on sub roll, green beans,rito corn chips, milk.

Wednesday: Terriyaki fingers, oven fries, carrots, hot roll, milk.

Thursday: N.Y. strip patty on bulkie with lettuce and tomato, coleslaw, bag of pretzels, milk.

Friday: Chicken alphabet soup, frankfurter on roll, mustard & relish, oven fries, celery & carrot sticks, milk, cookie treat.

Michael Tocci on honor roll

WILMINGTON - Michael A. Tocci of Wilmington has been named to the honor roll for the first marking period at Arlington Catholic High School.

Patti Parker's Pick of the Week

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All day, every day: Free blood pressure clinic at Wilmington Fire Station; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends included. No appointment necessary.

Tues., Thurs: Evenings at 7 and Friday at 10 a.m., Internet classes at Wil. Mem. Library. Call 658-2967.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7764; www.merrimackvalleychorus.com LaLeche League monthly sup-

port meetings open to pregnant and nursing mothers. Call accredited leaders for dates/times/locations of Billerica area meetings; 978-256-4804.

Sat., Dec. 14-17: Lisa Gustafson and Christie Sullivan will appear in the Nutcracker at the Chevalier Theatre, Forest Street, Medford. Call 781-665-2236.

Mon., Dec. 18-Dec. 30: Register at the library for next preschool storytime session scheduled to run from Jan. 3 to Feb. 9. Call 658-2967.

Sat., Dec. 23-25: Wil. Mem. Library closed. Open Sat., Dec. 30 and closed Jan. 1.

Dec. 26-29: WCTV Winter Vacation Video Camp 1 to 3 p.m. at the station. Call 978-657-4066.

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First Thursday: Of Each month, 7 p.m., Shawshen River Watershed Assoc. meets at Blair House, Erlin Terrace. Call 978-686-7050.

Call Steve, 978-988-9528 or 978-692-4089.

Third Sat., of each month: Good Will Industries at Tewks. DPW from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to collect computers and tvs. Donation of \$5 will be requested.

Thurs., Dec. 14: 7 p.m., Program of holiday stories and songs in the Children's Room at Tewks. Pub. Lib.

Sat., Dec. 16: 10 to 11:30 a.m., Tewks. SERVE distribution Day;

at Senior Center, 175 Chandler Street. Call 851-3344. Sign up for Jan. package at this time and again on Thurs., Jan. 4.

Sat., Dec. 16: 10 a.m., Tewks. Lib will present fourth of 10 scheduled appearances of storyteller Papa Joe; special holiday performance "Tis the Season." Call 640-4490.

Sun., Dec. 17: 2 p.m., Tewks. Band, Chorus and Jazzband will perform their 35th annual Children's Winter Holiday Concert. Call 978-640-7825 ext. 31.

Wed., Dec. 20: Tewks. seniors last day to place deposits on Canyon Country Tour scheduled for May 17-22. Call 640-4480.

Thurs., Jan. 4: SERVE New England sign up, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tewks. Senior Center, 175 Chandler St. Call 851-3344.

New licenses due for Tewksbury dogs

TEWKSBURY - Tewksbury Town Clerk Elizabeth Carey, reminds dog keepers that the year 2000 license for their dog(s) will expire Sunday, December 31. It is that time of year when dogs (over six months of age) must be licensed. The license is valid for one year and must be renewed annually.

Fee per dog: male, female, neutered or spayed, is \$10 annually. A late fee of an additional \$5 is increased if the dog(s) is not licensed on or before March 16, 2001. The Town Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30.

A current rabies certificate must be represented before a dog license may be issued, unless this office has a current rabies certificate on file. For your convenience, you may prefer to license your dog by mail; provided that you include the license fee, a current rabies certificate and a stamped self-addressed envelope.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Area Date Book

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Massachusetts are expanding their car campaign to include boats. The car campaign throughout Massachusetts has proven to be a great success.

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For information regarding Winchester Hospital's Senior Health Partnership's Walking Program for seniors, call 781-756-4774.

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First and third Mon.: 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 12 Beacon St., Stoneham. On-going grief support group. Open to all. Call 781-438-3770, ext. 689.

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Sun., Dec. 17: 2 to 4 p.m., Hanukkah Party sponsored by Havruat Shalom at Christ Church, 25 Central Street. Andover. Call 978-352-7315.

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Tewksbury Senior Topics

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TEWKSBURY - It is hoped that last week's Christmas dinner party goers had an enjoyable evening. A special note of thanks is extended to the Interfaith Choir. The Choir's wonderful performance at our COA dinners added so much to the festivities. A note of thanks is also extended to those of you who helped with preparations and clean up.

If you attended the Thursday Christmas dinner last week, would you please check your coat closet and make sure you took the right coat home. Someone mistakenly took the wrong coat and we have an unidentified coat here at the Senior Center. The missing coat is a long black woman's coat and has a rose pin on the lapel.

This month's Senior Center "Cootie Party" will be held December 15 beginning at 12:45 p.m. All are welcome to join in this fun afternoon. If

you've never played Cootie before, have no fear for someone is there to help you with the game which is very easy to learn.

The December SERVE distribution day will be held Saturday, December 16 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. One may also register for the January food package at this time or on Thursday, January 4.

Those senior citizens participating in Mrs. Morris' class project are reminded that they are scheduled to meet with the class at the Dewing School Monday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m.

The last day to confirm that you would like to participate in the sign language class is Friday, December 15. Your cooperation will enable us to order the needed books. Please confirm your intentions with Carol Hazel or Linda Brabant. This

class will consist of a 20 week semester and will cost \$20 per person. This course is being funded in part by a State COA Formula Grant. The class is scheduled to begin Thursday afternoon, January 4.

Dr. Timothy Smith will conduct a podiatry clinic at the Senior Center Tuesday, January 16. One must preregister for this clinic. The cost will be \$10 per person. This clinic is limited to 25 Tewksbury Seniors. Please note that priority is given to those who were on the waiting list last time.

Due to popular demand, a Foxwood Casino day trip will be held Monday, January 8. The cost per person will be \$18 and the trip will include motorcoach transportation, a \$10 food coupon and a \$5 Keno coupon.

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Capt. Larz Neilson, Troop Ship Commander, Newspaperman

by LARZ F. NEILSON

Capt. Larz Neilson had two careers, one on the sea, the other on land. He spent twenty years at sea, climaxing with five years as troopship captain in the Merchant Marine during and after World War II. He then turned his attentions to the Fourth Estate and in 1955 founded the Town Crier of Wilmington and Tewksbury.

He died on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Woodbriar Nursing Home in Wilmington. He was 89.

Born in North Woburn in 1911, he moved to Wilmington one year later. His father, Peter Neilson, a Danish stone mason, built the family home on Glen Road at Silver Lake. His mother, Caroline Neilson, after raising three children, became a correspondent for a Svea, a Swedish-American newspaper.

She would visit Swedish households in Woburn and Winchester, picking up family news items and selling subscriptions. In many ways, her second career led to her son's second career.

He grew up in a large extended-family setting. While his parents had only three children, his uncle next door had six. Christian Neilson, known as "Pop," owned a farm called The Elms, where his family ran a summer boarding house for many years. Silver Lake in those years was a busy place.

In the summer, tourists from Boston would throng to the lake. In the winter, locals cut ice and stored it in large ice houses.

Larz left Wilmington in the spring of his senior year to attend the Massachusetts Nautical School, now the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Three years later, he graduated and signed on as third mate on a freighter.

During the Great Depression, his income was a welcome supplement to the family budget, as there was very little work for stone masons. During

Larz shook his head. He never saw Cates again.

By good fortune, Larz was never assigned a ship destined for Murrumbidgee. This did not mean, however, that he had safe, easy voyages. In late 1942, he became captain of the SS Daniel Boone, a Liberty Ship. Liberty Ships were a class of ship built during the war for troop and munitions transport. In the hold was 10,000 tons of TNT, and above were two locomotives, welded to the deck and chained down. The Daniel Boone set sail in a convoy. A few days later, they encountered heavy seas, and the chains on the locomotives began to loosen. Larz signaled to the admiral to hold up. The admiral, in a tanker, kept going, and so did the convoy. By the time the locomotives had been secured, the convoy was long gone. Larz proceeded to the next day's meeting point, only to be met with nothing. He then opened his orders and proceeded across the Atlantic with no escort.

His destination was North Africa. Once the locomotives and munitions were unloaded, he received orders to carry troops. The men were Arabs, known as Goums, fierce fighters. If a Goum drew his sword, he had to draw blood. If there was no enemy about, he had to cut his own finger before he could return his sword to the belt.

Larz and the Daniel Boone spent several months ferrying North African troops to Italy.

At war's end, Larz was captain of a Victory Ship, the Chanute Victory. It was similar to a Liberty Ship, only powered by a turbine. Shortly before V-E day in June 1945, the Chanute Victory left New York with troops, headed for Europe. Before the ship passed Newfoundland, Larz received orders to return to New York. On a bright sunny Sunday morning in June,

gate. When he left, the captain knew he was ruined. He went to his cabin and shot himself.

Arriving in Sweden, Larz sent for his sister Sylvia, who at the time was studying at the University of Stockholm. As Larz interrogated the crew, Sylvia transcribed the proceedings. With the investigation completed, they sailed to Denmark where they were able to purchase an ample amount of oil.

They then sailed up the coast of Norway, viewing the fjords. In Bergen, Sylvia went ashore and took a train back to Stockholm. Larz took the ship and sailed to New York.

It was his final voyage. He attempted to start a refrigerated cargo business. The plan was to transport citrus north from Florida. Some partners absconded with the money, and the idea flopped.

Returning home, Larz became a stringer for the Lowell Sun, covering Wilmington news. He was paid 11 cents an inch, and had to paste the columns of news printed into a strip to be measured for payment. Hence the term, stringer. By 1951, he was offered a job as editor of the Wilmington Crusader, which was owned by Stanley Bocko of North Billerica. Bocko also published the Billerica News. Larz was editor for four years, and in the summer of 1955, he had a falling out with Bocko. He quit the Crusader and set about publishing his own paper. He leased the old North Wilmington railroad depot as an office. He bought the building five years later.

In November, 1955, the Town Crier made its debut. The paper jumped into the local political scene with both feet. One hot controversy was the drive to eliminate the town manager plan. Wilmington in the early Fifties had changed its charter, adopting a plan which employed a strong town man-

rooms or were unknown.

He attended a convention of the National Newspaper Association in Washington in the late 1960's. He went to a nearby Civil War battlefield, possibly Antietam. It is the dream of every Civil War buff to find a relic on a battlefield, a button or a shell casing - anything. When Larz returned to the office, he proudly announced, "You'll never guess what I found on the battlefield!" He reached in his coat pocket and pulled out a paper napkin. He opened the napkin and there was a mushroom.

The role of editor/publisher of a small town newspaper means literally total involvement in the community. If

it wasn't a selectmen's meeting, he would be at a Cub Scout banquet. If it wasn't a Rotary meeting, he would be talking with old-timers, collecting their stories about town history. If there was an event taking place in town, you could expect to see Larz there with his camera. It was a job with few vacations. The paper was more a calling than it was a lucrative business. If it weren't for his stubbornness, the paper wouldn't have survived.

He was a strong supporter of business growth in Wilmington, and served for two years as president of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, and was honored with a life term on the board of directors.

He was also the last postmaster of the North Wilmington Post Office, which was located in a small building next to Elia's (then Buck's) store. In the early years of the paper, he was literally working on both sides of the street.

Visiting hours are at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be at the Wilmington Congregational Church on Friday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Wildwood Cemetery.

The Wilmington Congregational Church is handicapped accessible on both floors. The entrance is on the right side.



THE CAPTAIN proudly posed outside the North Wilmington Depot where he was publishing the then two year old Town Crier. Larz was 46 and had established himself as the town's newspaper publisher.



YES, THIS IS CAPT. LARZ driving a go-kart, sometime around 1960. It appears to have been taken behind Church Street Hardware. The best guess is that the go-kart belonged to someone at Seacraft Industries. They always had the best toys, even a two man submarine which went for a test run in Silver Lake. No, Larz didn't go for a spin in that one. Notice the trademark cigar. Another trademark is the rust-and-maroon '49 Ford, the one with no seats. Do you remember it? It's there on the right.

the Thirties, he worked his way up the officers' ranks in the Merchant Marine, sailing to many interesting ports around the world. By the time the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, he was chief mate on the Carolinian, which was in Wilmington, North Carolina, on its way to New Caledonia, in the South Pacific. Before sailing, he hurried home to Wilmington, Massachusetts where on Dec. 12, 1941, he married Elizabeth Norton.

Returning to the U.S. six months later, he then spent six months in New York City as a loading officer. It was his responsibility to see that cargo being loaded aboard ships was correctly stowed. There was no information as to where the ships were going, but from the cargo, he could tell that they were headed for Russia, on the North Sea route known as the Murrumbidgee Run.

It was a deadly run, for the Germans had submarines off the coast of Norway, waiting to pick off Allied ships as they passed. One memory Larz had of the days in New York was of a friend, named Cates waving to him as his ship pulled out, presumably headed for Murrumbidgee. Cates came from Lynn, but had relatives in Wilmington. "Trade places with you, Larz," he said.

the ship sailed down the East River. People lined the river, cheering the first troops to return from the war. In reality, the troops had only been out for a five day cruise.

With the war over, the troops had to be brought home, and the shipping business was changing. The U.S. had lost over 1000 merchant ships to German torpedoes.

Larz' final voyage was in November, 1947. An American captain had committed suicide in port in Goteborg, Sweden. Larz was assigned to conduct an investigation and return the ship. Ironically, the city was where his mother had been born sixty years earlier.

The ship, the John Drake Sloat, was more or less stranded, for the Swedes wouldn't sell them any oil. There was some diplomatic wrangling going on, with the U.S. pressing the Swedes to join NATO, and the Swedes resisting.

With the ship in port for months, the crew became restless. Before long, they were bring aboard women and whiskey. Then the captain took up with a woman from Baku, Azerbaijan. The chief mate took a dim view of this and reported the proceedings to New York. Before long, the American Counsel showed up on the pier to investi-

gate.

Many locals, especially those whose power had been curtailed, fought the plan heavily. They became known as the Termites, with a slogan of, "Joe must go!" Joe, being Joseph Courtney, the town manager. The town kept the plan.

Larz at one point obtained the plans for the proposed Glen Road School and published them, showing what a disaster the school would have been. It was to consist of four modules, connected by glass corridors. In another incident, he called the town manager a bump on a log, for the work the manager left undone. The Crusader ran an unflattering cartoon caricature of Larz with a cigar, referring to the bump on a log. The Town Crier went head to head with the Crusader, and the fight was often bitter. The Crusader was sold and sold again and finally went out of business in the mid Sixties.

The Town Crier was Larz' life and the cigar was his trademark. With publication on Thursdays, there were usually some long nights on Wednesday nights. Often he would work until 3 or 4 a.m., then drive the pages to Lowell in his clunker 1949 Ford. He would sleep while the printers made up the plates, then grab the paper as it came off the press and return to Wilmington.

Weekends were taken up with door-to-door sales of subscriptions, which also turned out to be a tremendous source of feature stories. Countless Wilmington residents would recall first meeting Larz when he came to the door, selling subscriptions. Wilmington was in a rapid growth phase at the time, and for many new residents, it was their introduction to Wilmington.

An avid student of local history, Larz researched and published countless historical stories, giving the newspaper a tremendous appeal and consequently, a strong competitive advantage. He also would present stories on the Civil War. He first developed an interest in the Civil War as a means of having something to discuss with shipmates, many of whom were southerners. He proceeded to study and research the subject, reading and re-reading Lee's Lieutenants to the point that the binding was broken.

He also had a great love of mushrooms, although Elizabeth wouldn't touch them. He would pick a wonderful bounty of mushrooms and take them over to a friend's to share a feast. He always was careful to identify the mushrooms before eating them, avoiding any that resembled poison mush-

The "rubber chicken" circuit

Larz was Wilmington's emissary

Larz grew up next door to Lubbers Brook in Wilmington. His mother used to tell him to stay away from the brook, because if he fell in, he'd break his neck. One day he came in, wet and crying. "Mama, I broke my neck!"

Running the newspaper always meant having to do the "rubber chicken circuit" to take pictures. Larz was allergic to chicken, so if he was invited to eat, he would special order a hamburger in advance. When it was served, no doubt someone would ask why he had hamburger instead of chicken. His stock answer was "It's against my religion to eat chicken on Tuesdays."

He loved to sing, and for many years was in the choir at the Wilmington Congregational Church. He was a self-taught piano player and would sit at the piano singing "Sweet Little Buttercup" and "What'll We Do With the Drunken Sailor." While driving, his favorite tune was "Off We Go, into the Wild Blue Yonder."

He would often play the piano at Rotary Club, and in his later years, he

would play at home or in the nursing home. Usually he would go through a medley which always ended with the Rotary song.

He was a Rotarian for 50 years, and thoroughly enjoyed Rotary. Because the Wilmington club met at noon on Wednesdays, when the paper was on deadline, he often attended the meetings of Tewksbury Rotary, where he had many friends. At the time he started the Town Crier, he had a large moustache.

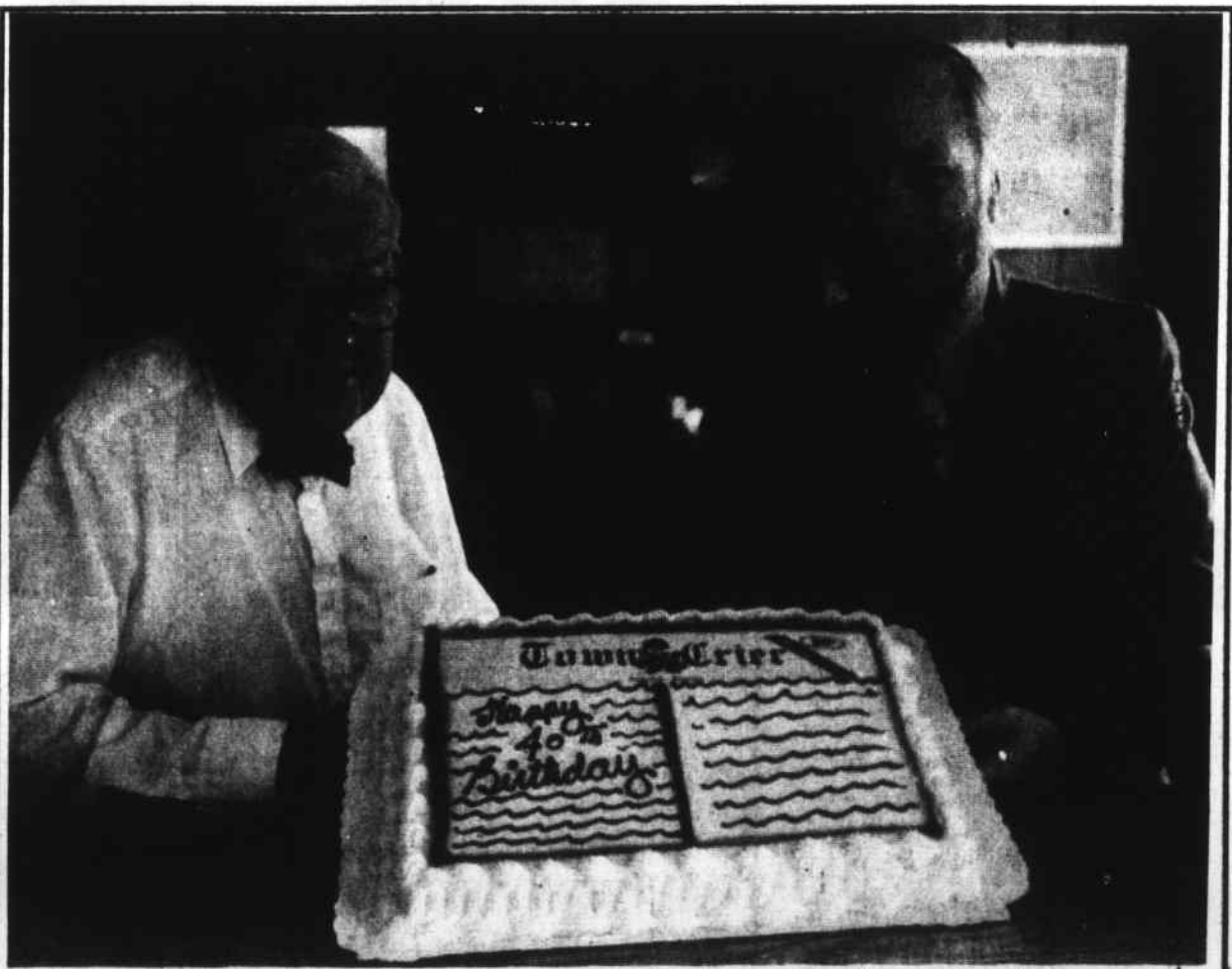
He was president of the club that year, and with great fanfare, he had the moustache shaved off in front of the club. Fellow Rotarian Adrian Durkee, who ran the barber shop in Wilmington Square, did the honors.

His relaxation was gardening. His routine was to come home for supper, and head directly into the garden, usually to dig out witch grass roots. In later years, even after he no longer kept a garden, he would roam the lawn with a spading fork, digging out dandelions.

He also loved to fish. In 1967, he bought a camp on Foster's Pond in Andover. There were about a dozen camps on 100 acres of woods. It was only ten minutes from the office, but you had to drive nearly a mile on a dirt road to get there, and there was no electricity and no phone. He spent about ten summers there, and was appointed a special police officer in Andover, since patrols never visited the isolated camps. After the owner of the land died, the camps were all demolished.

He spoke fluent French and some Italian. In foreign ports, knowledge of French was often the key to when a ship would be unloaded. If Larz could find a local who spoke French, he would make his needs known and would by-pass ships that might have been sitting for long periods.

He would attend functions at the Sons of Italy and joke with Father Francis Mackin that they were the only ones there who could speak Italian.



HOW DO YOU GET THE DROP ON A NEWS MAN? Do it right under his nose. Employees surprised Larz and Stu Neilson with an impromptu birthday party on the 40th anniversary of the Town Crier in November of 1995.

TOWN CRIER - NOVEMBER 17, 1955

To the Editor of the Town Crier:

Knowing that a newspaper can be a strong weapon for the common good, let me wish you, as you enter on a new venture in life, that you will be guided to serve your town and its inhabitants to the very best of your ability for the most good for the most people: To show firmness and mercy to all: To serve with sincerity and humility

Your mother.

Office building proposed near I-93

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currently under construction in the area.

"The relocated street is in the wetlands," said Assistant Director of Planning and Conservation John Keeley. He indicated that a Mass Environmental Protection Assessment will be necessary. "The sewer will be near a vernal pool, which should be included on the application."

• 16 GROVE STREET. The Request for Determination filing is in response to an enforcement letter issued by the Conservation Commission. The application is for two docks and a shed at Silver Lake, which already exist. The shed appears to be within bordering land subject to flooding and must be moved back. The dock

extends approximately 20 feet into the lake. In addition, a copy of the deeds to the properties needs to be submitted to assure that there are no deed restrictions for the properties.

"The dock needs permits from the Conservation Commission and [the State]," said Mr. Keeley. In addition, he said that the shed doesn't meet the setback requirements of the commission.

"The shed is only used for the paddle boat," said Keith Himmel, property owner. He agreed to move the shed out of the floodplane.

The commission voted to continue the issue until its next meeting on Dec. 20th. At that time, the owner must submit copies of the property deeds to the commission.

• CHESTNUT STREET. The

public hearing for Navajo Estates was continued. They have changed some of the lot lines, which may or may not present a problem. In addition, the basin designated for removal of total suspended solids does not appear to be designed for the job. There is a disagreement regarding the mean annual high water line, which needs to be resolved.

Northeastern Development Corporation argued that the lot lines were not changed with the intent to alter development. They also contend that the high water line is on the bank where the plan shows.

"I suggest that the commission visit the site before making a decision," said Mr. Keeley. Although he commended the applicant on obtaining the information required by the Department of Environmental Protection and the commission, he still insists that the

high water is over the bank. "I saw leaf dams behind lots four and five." He said he also saw sand and silt piles deposited from where water washed them up.

Three outstanding issues must be resolved before the commission makes a determination regarding lot line changes and whether or not that affects the grandfather issue, riverfront determination and engineering concerns. The hearing was continued until December 20th and the commission will conduct a site visit on December 10th.

• FOLEY FARM ROAD. The public hearing was continued to December 20th. Several issues remain outstanding: calculations need to be reviewed by the town engineer and the plan needs to be stamped. The plans include wetlands crossing and the installation of a box culvert with some wetland replication.

Final meeting

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vehicles, had his issue tabled until the next meeting because he was absent.

3) The town will receive a Municipal Recycling Grant that will allow for the purchase of approximately 8,000 consumer education mailers, 50 "Don't Trash Grass" brochures, 50 home composting brochures and 251 set-out containers with a value of \$3,412.

4) Town Manager Cairra informed the board that recently the city of Boston passed a law that bans the sale of mercury fever thermometers in stores. It is widely reported that exposure to mercury creates risks to one's health and the environment. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has written to town officials and has encouraged Wilmington to follow Boston's example. At the Selectmen meeting, Cairra suggested to the board that such a matter is best addressed through the construction of an article to be presented at the next Town Meeting.

5) It was announced at the meeting that Betty's Bentley, Weddings by Domenica, Inc. will have its ribbon-cutting grand opening at the Square One Plaza at 2 Lowell Street at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 21.

6) The United States Department of Commerce has thanked the community of Wilmington for its role in helping out with the Census report for the year 2000.

"A lot of Census Bureau training took place right here at the Town Hall," said Cairra. "It was a good partnership, and it worked out well."

7) The Massachusetts Water Resource Authority has sent to Town Manager Cairra the statistics behind its 2000 Annual Water and Sewer Retail Rate Survey. As a result, Cairra had good news to share with the board.

Said Cairra, "We reduced our rates the greatest out of all of the 56 communities involved with the MWRA."

The combined water and sewer charges that Wilmington paid in 2000 was \$504, a figure well below

the \$719 average of all 56 MWRA communities.

"That's a considerable amount," agreed Selectman James Rooney. "The taxpayers will appreciate that."

8) The Board of Selectmen swept through a list of Wilmington's businesses and restaurants and gave across-the-board approvals for the following types of 2001 licenses: the sale of alcoholic beverages; the Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages; Class I and Class II Garage licenses; Automatic Amusement Devices; Entertainment; and Common Victualer.

While the board's meeting may have lasted only 35 minutes for those who attended or watched at home, the Selectmen stayed well beyond the adjournment to sign all of the licenses into effect.

9) Of course, we're all too busy trying to buy and put all of those presents underneath our Christmas trees to consider just how we are going to dispose of them once the holidays are through. For the record, though, it was announced at the board meeting that all trees will be picked up at the curb out front of your house between January 2nd and 12th.

10) Town Manager Cairra reminded the board and viewers that the retirement dinner for Chief Bobby N. Stewart will be held at Casa di Fior on January 12. Anybody with questions is encouraged to call the Wilmington Police Department at 658-5071 or the Town Manager's Office at 658-3311.

11) Did you have trouble crossing the Butters Row Bridge this past weekend? There was a reason for it: the weather. As reported at the last Selectmen meeting, the bridge was to be closed for resurfacing between December 4th and 8th. Town Manager Cairra reported at Monday night's meeting, though, that tricky weather created an extension of the construction work. The bridge was scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, December 13.

12) ... and a partridge in a pear tree.

Olin open house

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lagoons, ditches and an excavation site called "Lake Poly."

The chemicals, which are heavier than water, sank to the bedrock layer and traveled west along the slope of the bedrock. They settled in a location west of Main Street and formed a dense pool of ammonia, chloride, sodium and chromium inorganic compounds. The formations around the pool's current location offer a natural barrier to prevent further migration. Maple Meadow Brook, a groundwater aquifer for the Town of Wilmington, is located west of the Olin property.

"While the remediation is occurring, Olin will continually monitor conditions at the site," said Ms. Hanley. They monitor the sentinel wells, which are located in the aquifer between the Olin property and the town's wells, as well as town water supply wells for ammonia, chloride, sulfate and sodium. Monitoring provides data on migration and fluctuation of concentrations of the compounds in the town's wells.

Wilmington's municipal water supply from Chestnut Street's, Butters Row's and Town Park's supply wells continues to meet state and federal requirements for drinking water for site related constituents. The dense area of chemicals remains settled on the bedrock layer.

Wells are monitored closely by Olin and the Town of Wilmington Water Department. Olin monitors the supply wells on a monthly basis for site related constituents. The

sentinel wells are monitored on a quarterly basis. The Town of Wilmington Water Department has installed continuous monitoring and recording equipment, funded by Olin.

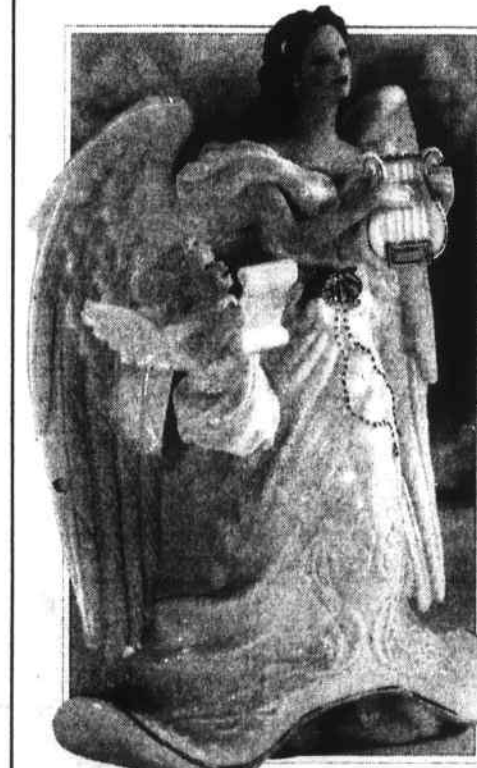
Some of the constituents from the dense layer of compounds continue to be detected in low concentrations in town wells. Ms. Hanley indicated that the reason for this is due to increased water pumping from their wells during low rainfall periods of the year.

"We find that the water quality is fairly constant," said Ms. Hanley. "We rarely see any changes in these wells." She said that they only see changes in the wells when there is a significant change in the pumping rate. In addition, she indicated that Maple Meadow Brook will be the primary focus of their feasibility study this coming year.

The excavation activities were completed this year. Most excavation of contaminated materials will be bio-remediated onsite, using natural bacterium. Some materials, such as debris items or lowlevel contaminated soils, will be shipped offsite. The construction of and the permanent installation of a slurry wall around a contaminated area is complete. Olin plans to complete wetland's restoration next spring.

Olin will continue to work with local officials and community leaders to keep the community updated on their activities.

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Chamber map

FROM PAGE 1

Wilmington is a historical district. The new 2000 map gives information and shows pictures of the Colonel Joshua Harden Tavern, the Baldwin Apple Monument, the Veterans Monument on the Town Common, the Wentworth Clark House and events by the Wilmington Minutemen.

Also included in the map is information about the Wilmington School System, town government, the Recreation Department and opportunities for tourism in the area. Each informational piece sheds light on what Wilmington has to offer.

The map also gives municipal phone numbers, emergency numbers, and area customer service numbers. Along with these numbers, there is a list of Wilmington clubs and organizations, complete with the name and phone number of contacts.

And, of course, at the center of the back page of this pamphlet is the map itself! It is a detailed map that indicates roadways, all area schools, the Buzzell Senior Center, the fire department, the police department, the Town Hall, parks, the Wilmington Memorial Library, the post office, historical places

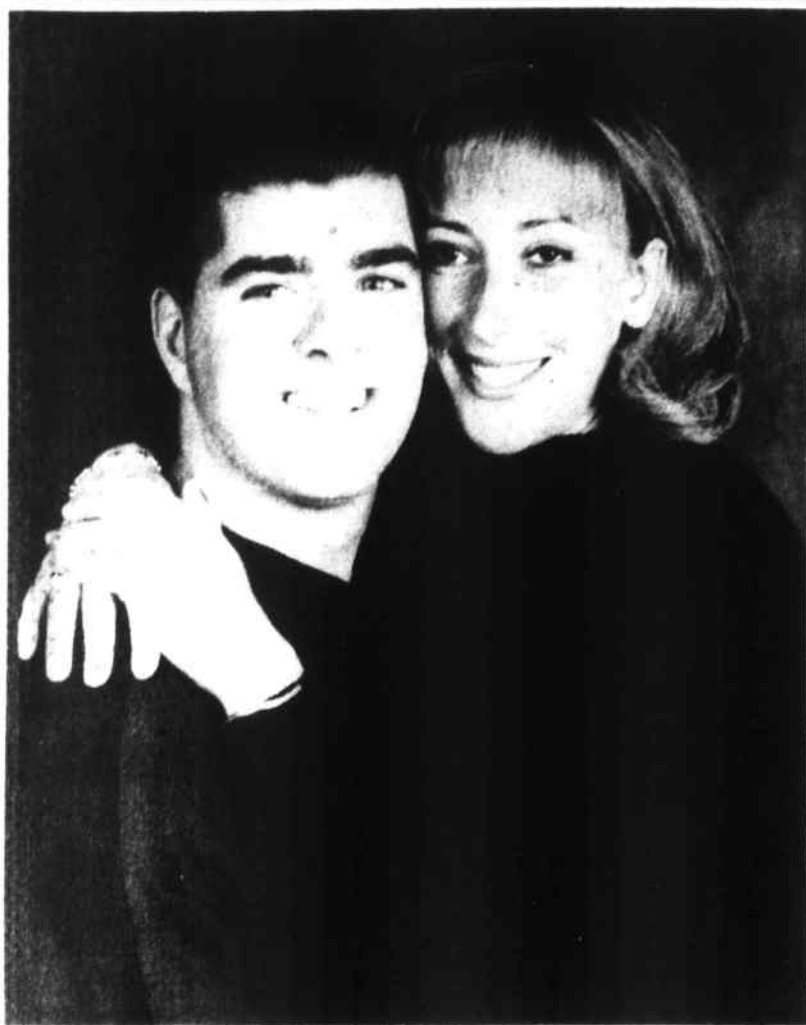
and Silver Lake.

The chamber worked with Wilmington Engineer Harold Gilliam before his recent retirement to make this map as accurate as possible.

The chamber wants to recognize that the map could not have been funded without the generous contributions of the 49 businesses who helped sponsor the map. The sponsors are showcased around the border of both pages of the map, giving a sample of the businesses throughout the community.

More than 6,000 copies of this new map are being circulated throughout the town. You can pick up your FREE copy of this valuable resource at the Chamber of Commerce at 226 Lowell Street, the Town Hall at 121 Glen Road and the Wilmington Memorial Library on Church Street.

NOTE: In last week's edition of The Town Crier, an article titled "Santa flicks 'on' switch at Christmas tree lighting" failed to acknowledge the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce's role in inviting ice sculptor Eric Fontecchio and organizing the weekend's festivities. We regret the oversight.



Keri Bowlby to wed Thomas Walsh

WILMINGTON - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowlby, formerly of Wilmington, now of Lady Lakes, Fla. have announced the engagement of their daughter Keri Bowlby to Thomas Walsh, son of Sandra Walsh of Peabody.

Keri earned her bachelor of science degree and her master of science in physical therapy from Springfield College and is currently employed part time as a physical therapist with Advantage Sports

Medicine and Physical Therapy in Stoneham and full time with Early Intervention Educator for Children with PDD Building Blocks, Peabody.

Her fiancé earned his bachelor degree from Curry College and is currently employed as a teacher at East Middle School in Braintree, while working toward his masters at Framingham State.

A July wedding is planned.

Chin and Fugere promoted at Norwich

WILMINGTON - Kenneth H. Chin of Park Street, Wilmington and Paul M. Fugere of Ohio Street, have received military promotions in the Norwich University Corps of Cadets for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Kenneth has been promoted to the rank of Cadet CPL while Paul has attained the rank of Cadet SSG.

Norwich University was founded in 1819 by Capt. Alden Partridge,

former superintendent at West Point, and is the oldest private military college in the nation. It is the home of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and the "citizen soldier" concept. Its student body is comprised of 900 students in its Corps of Cadets and 780 civilian students, 400 of whom live on campus.

Social News



Jean Kerrigan to wed Neil DellaPiana

WILMINGTON - Mr. and Mrs. William Kerrigan of Marion Street, Wilmington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jean Kerrigan to Neil J. DellaPiana, son of Mrs. Camille DellaPiana of Richardson Avenue, Dracut.

Ms. Kerrigan, a 1990 graduate of Wilmington High School, earned a BA in English from Plymouth State

College in 1994. She is currently employed as a paralegal/Ct. Corporation System.

Her fiancé graduated from Chelmsford High School with the Class of 1990, from Plymouth State College in 1995 and is currently employed as a senior accountant with Netegrity Inc.

Births

AHLIN - Shane Joseph, second child, second son to Jennifer (Orsino) and Dennis Ahlin of Wilmington November 26 at Hallmark Health/Melrose-Wakefield Campus.

Grandparents include Joseph and Roseanne Orsino/Greene and Kenneth and Dorothy Ahlin, all of Melrose.

Shane joins his brother, Zachary.

MOLLOY - Madison May, to Denise and Richard Molloy of Wilmington, November 15 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Dorothy and Ernest Geannaris of Winchester and Thomas and the late Doris May Molloy of Chelsea.

OUELLETTE - Andrew James to Kevin and Michelle (Tomas) Ouellette of Wellesley on December 4 at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Grandparents include Dolores and Lennie Ouellette of Wilmington and Helen and Richard Tomas of Oxford, Ct.

Great-grandfather is James Kinkaid of Portsmouth, N.H.

PUSHARD - Christian Lawrence, first child to Lauren (Bishop) and Larry Pushard October 20 at Sturdy Hospital in Attleboro.

Grandparents are Barbara and Marshall Bishop of Wilmington and Anne and Clyde Pushard of Canton.

Great-grandfather is Reginald M. Bishop Sr. of Wilmington.

BETTENCOURT: Jacob Nicholas, to Steven and Shannon Bettencourt of Woburn on October 26 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cassidy of Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bettencourt of Tewksbury.

CALLAHAN: Ryan Patrick, to Patrick and Katie Callahan of Wilmington, May 25, at Mass. General Hospital in Boston.

Grandparents include Jane and Thomas Finn, Jr. of Wilmington; Dick Callahan of Reading and the late Patricia Callahan of Wilmington.

CHEVERIE - Sydney Rae, to Justin and Laurie (Ranno) Cheverie of Wilmington November 24 at Hallmark Health/Melrose-Wakefield Campus.

Grandparents are Robert and Marguerite Upton of Peabody and Philip and Urilla Cheverie of Alfred, Maine.

Sydney joins her sister, five year old Andree Cheverie.

DEEGAN: Leah Rose, to Joanne (Redman) and Trevor J. Deegan of Chelmsford, October 21 at Emerson Hospital.

Grandparents include Dr. Edwin and Mrs. Janet Redman of Chelmsford, Bill and Joan Breen and Joseph B. Deegan, all of Wilmington. Great-grandmother is Marie Malone of Wilmington.

Leah joins her brother James P.D. Deegan of Chelmsford.

McMAHON: Sean Robert, third child, second son, to Brian and Stacy (Falzano), September 16 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. James Falzano of Winchester and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMahon of Lynnfield.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Inez Campbell of Winchester and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Laurano of Stoneham.

Sean joins his sister Kendall and brother Eric.



Jennie Balut weds Andrew DiFelice

BELCHERTOWN - Andrew and Jennie (Balut) DiFelice were united in marriage Saturday, October 21, 2000 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Belchertown. Fr. Vernon Decoteau performed the morning ceremony.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her friend, Amy Beresky. The bridesmaids were, cousin of the bride Tammy St. John, sisters of the groom, Melissa DiFelice, Amy DiFelice, Michelle DiFelice and friends of the bride Laura Ewing and Jennifer Krol. Amanda DiFelice, sister of the groom served as flower girl.

Attending the groom as best man was his brother Marc DiFelice. Groomsmen were cousins of the groom Brian, Dennis and Matthew Doherty, brother of the bride Timothy Balut and friends of the groom David Russell, Thomas Delaney, Robert Barroso, Richard Proulx and Robert Borkjorn. Philip Nagle, Godson of the groom, served as ring bearer.

James St. John Jr., uncle of the bride recited the first reading. Charles DiFelice, Godfather of the groom, recited the second reading. Cousins of the groom, Michael and Stephen Nagle, greeted guests with programs at the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Parwick Centre in Chicopee. Godmother of the groom, Carol Nagle performed the pre-dinner blessing.

Mrs. DiFelice is a graduate of Belchertown High School. She received her BA in Psychology from Westfield State College in May of 2000. Mrs. DiFelice is currently working at AT&T Broadband in the Human Resources Department out of Chelmsford.

Mr. DiFelice is a graduate of Tewksbury Memorial High School. He received his BS in business management from Westfield State College in May of 1998. Mr. DiFelice is currently working at Verizon, in the Sales and Service Department out of Andover.

Parents of the bride are Mary Ann and Russell Balut of Belchertown. Grandparents are Kae Balut of West Springfield and James and Elizabeth St. John of Adams.

Parents of the groom are C. Andrew and Marie DiFelice of Tewksbury. Grandparents are Elizabeth Doherty of Woburn and C. Andrew and Lorena DiFelice of Raymond, Me.

The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They currently reside at their home in Lowell.

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A ROBOT, A CALCULATOR, A SCOOTER AND A BUG Ryan Clark, age 5 (right, with antlers) had his list memorized for Santa as he visited the Wilmington Rec. Dept.'s 28th annual visit by the Jolly Old Elf. Santa through the years has been Sam-ta Claus, Larry Noel and this most recent visit was by the Real Santa himself.

Santa divulged in an earlier interview that one nine year young lady brought her geography homework, and together (with Santa's vast knowledge of the topography of the earth) they completed the assignment.

Tuesday evening saw the final visitors leave by 8:30, long after the first of 300 or more tykes recited their wishes. His helpers Tuesday included: James DaSilva, Lauren Lawson, Jennifer Paris, Derek Concannon and Scott Konieczka. (Stu Neilson photo)

Real Life at the White House

WILMINGTON - With a new President taking office in January, *Real Life at the White House: 200 Years of Daily Life at America's Most Famous Residence*, is a timely selection for book of the week. The authors John Whitcomb and Claire Whitcomb document the history of domestic life in this historic home with anecdotes about each administration from Washington to Clinton.

The daily life of the president and his family is described in detail, including hobbies (FDR was a stamp collector and enjoyed playing poker and doing crossword puzzles) and habits (Abigail Adams dried her wash in the unfinished East Room). The authors include lots of humorous anecdotes (Taft was so large that he had to order an extra large bathtub because he would get stuck in the White House bathtub). The reader will see the differences in style and preferences of each First Family (Jackie Kennedy was intent on having a French Chef). Look for this book on the new bookshelf with the number 975.3 Whi and check it out before Inauguration Day.

Good Bye and Congratulations

Best wishes are extended to Elizabeth Berlik who has accepted a full time position as the Young Adult Librarian at the Tewksbury Public Library. Elizabeth began working at the Wilmington Memorial Library as a part time library

page in the Children's Room in 1994 while in high school. She continued to work at the library while attending Regis College and Simmons College where she received her graduate degree in library science. Elizabeth has recently provided reference desk coverage in both the Children's and Adult Departments. In saying good-bye and good luck, we acknowledge her talents and dedication, an asset she will bring to her new position at the Tewksbury Public Library.

Library's new computer system

With the implementation of Merrimack Valley Library's new computer system on December 13, check out may seem a little slower at first. Although staff have all had training with the new system, it may take a few days for everyone to adjust to change. Thanks for your patience.

MVLC's new computer system offers a user friendly web based online catalog with new patrons services, such as, placing your own reserves at home or in the library. To access these patron services, you need a library card and a pin number. Please contact the library to obtain your pin number.

Bookends

Bookends, the library's book discussion group, gave the book *Cup of Tea* five thumbs up and six thumbs down. The next book to be discussed is *At Home* in Mitford by

Jan Karon. Copies of this book are available at the library's main circulation desk. Bookends will meet Thursday, January 4.

Holiday schedule

The library will be closed Saturday, December 23 and Christmas Day, December 25. The library will be open on Saturday, December 30 and closed Monday, January 1.

New books in the library

Adult fiction
The End of War by David L. Robbins

The Way Forward Is With a Broken Heart by Alice Walker
The Golden Age by Gore Vidal
The Night Listener by Armistead Maupin

The Family Orchard by Nomi Eve

Adult Nonfiction
Ice Blink: The Tragic Fate of Sir John Franklin's Lost Polar Expedition by Scott Cookman

The Boxer's Heart; How I Fell in Love With the Ring by Kate Sekules
Parasite Rex: Inside the Bizarre World of Nature's Most Dangerous Creatures by Carl Zimmer

The Good Son; Shaping the Moral Development of Our Boys by Michael Gurian.

Herbs for the Mind: What Science Tells Us About Nature's Remedies for Depression, Stress, Memory Loss and Insomnia by Jonathan Davidson and Kathryn Connor.

Jeffrey Versackas graduates basic

TEWKSBURY - Army Pvt. Jeffrey L.C. Versackas, son of Kathy and Joseph Versackas of Tewksbury, and a 1999 graduate of Shawsheen Tech, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Jeffrey Riese honored at Bowdoin College

WILMINGTON - Jeffrey Riese of Wilmington, a member of the Class of 2002, Bowdoin College, is among the 65 students from Mass. who have been designated Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholars and Book Award winners at Bowdoin College. Book Award winners are those students who receive grades of no less than an "A" during the preceding year.

Ryan K. Murphy on honor roll

WILMINGTON - Ryan K. Murphy of Wilmington, a sophomore at Bishop Fenwick High School, in Peabody, has been named to the honor roll there for the first quarter.

Ryan has earned second honors.



Suzanne Cross weds Ronald W. Roberts Jr.

WILMINGTON - Ronald W. Roberts Jr. of Wilmington and Suzanne Cross of Hernet, CA were married in Falmouth August 20, 2000.

He is a mechanical engineer at Harvard Industries in St. Louis MO and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Roberts, 5 Clorinda Road, Wilmington.

She is a nursing student at St. Louis University and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hancock of Hernet, CA.

The groom is a graduate of Austin Prep School and UMass, Lowell where he received a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering.

The bride is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara where she received a bachelors degree in psychology.

The ceremony and reception were held at a private residence in Falmouth. The couple is now living in St. Charles, MO.



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Obituaries

Captian Larz D. Neilson

Troopship commander, founder of the Town Crier, town historian

Larz Neilson, 90, of Woburn, died Wednesday, December 8, 2000 at the Woburn Nursing Home. He was the founder of the Town Crier and the Town Historian. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. He had a perfect attendance record that spanned decades. He was a frequent visitor to many area Rotary Clubs, often exceeding attendance requirements by 250%. His attendance at the Tewksbury Rotary Club meeting was most regular. He was also very active in the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, two years as president and a lifetime member of the board of directors. In his newspaper career he served as president and treasurer of the Massachusetts Press Association and as an officer of the New England Press Association. He was the last postmaster of the North Wilmington Post Office. Mr. Neilson is survived by three

he worked as a stringer for the Lowell Sun covering Wilmington news. In 1951 he became the editor



of the Wilmington Crusader. Four years later he founded the Town Crier.

Mr. Neilson was an avid historian and had researched many pieces about local history and the Civil War for the Town Crier. The

Wilmington Board of Selectmen named him Town Historian.

Mr. Neilson was a fifty year member of the Wilmington Rotary Club, serving as president in 1955. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. He had a perfect attendance record that spanned decades. He was a frequent visitor to many area Rotary Clubs, often exceeding attendance requirements by 250%. His attendance at the Tewksbury Rotary Club meeting was most regular.

He was also very active in the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, two years as president and a lifetime member of the board of directors.

In his newspaper career he served as president and treasurer of the Massachusetts Press Association and as an officer of the New England Press Association.

He was the last postmaster of the North Wilmington Post Office.

Mr. Neilson is survived by three

sons, Peter A. Neilson of Sanford, NC, Larz Frederic Neilson of East Boothbay, Maine and C. Stuart Neilson of Wilmington; a granddaughter, Kristin Neilson of Hull, MA and his grandson Erik Neilson and his wife Laurie and their daughter Gabrielle.

Visiting hours will be at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2000 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

A funeral will be held at the Wilmington Congregational Church at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2000 with the Rev. Miles Hall officiating.

Burial will be in the Wildwood Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Congregational Church Building Fund, 220 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887 or the Wilmington Rotary Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 503, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Margaret M. Newcomb

90 years in Wilmington

WILMINGTON - Margaret M. (Porter) Newcomb, 90, of Wilmington, died December 8, 2000 at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell.

Born in Wilmington, she was the daughter of the late Rudolph and the late Mary (White) Porter. She was a life long resident of Wilmington and prior to retirement, was employed as a telephone operator.

Mrs. Newcomb was the widow of

Oliver Newcomb and is survived by her daughter Joan Newcomb of Wilmington and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38) Wilmington Tuesday morning followed by a funeral mass at St. Thomas Church and interment in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Charles Paulo

self employed cab driver

WILMINGTON - Charles Paulo of Billerica, formerly of Wilmington, died December 11, 2000 at Wingate of Andover. He was 65.

A veteran of the Korean Conflict during which he served with the US Army, Mr. Paulo was educated in Boston and had lived in Billerica for the past 15 years. He was self employed cab driver.

He was the husband of Marie (Lingley) and father of Sharon Kotopoulos and her husband Nick of No. Reading and the late Ronald and Jerry. He was the brother of Dominic of Florida, Vincent "Sonny" of Revere, Anthony Paulo

of Melrose and the late Joseph Paulo.

Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 15 at 9:30 a.m. from the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., North Reading, followed by a funeral mass in St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter St. (Rte. 62), North Reading and burial in Edson Cemetery, Lowell. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Donations made in his memory to St. Theresa's Parish Expansion Program, 63 Winter St., North Reading, MA 01864 will be appreciated.

Jean P. Burke

retired from Raytheon, 68

Jean P. Burke, 68, of Woburn, died Wednesday, December 8, 2000 at the Woburn Nursing Home. She was the widow of Peter Burke, who died in 1998. She was a member of the Woburn March of Dimes and the Woburn Chapter of the American Cancer Society. She was also a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Legion. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Red Cross. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Heart Association. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Lung Association. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Cancer Society. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Legion. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Red Cross. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Heart Association. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Lung Association. She was a member of the Woburn Chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

sons in law, Cheryl and Jean Pierre Boissy of Fitchburg, Barbara Burke and Peter Zins of Amesbury, Lauren Montague Burke and David Coker of Amesbury, two sons and daughters in law, William R. and Mary (Risteon) Burke of Billerica, Robert and JoAnn (Ulm) Burke of Tewksbury, five grandchildren, Maribeth Burke, Erin Burke, Lyndsay Burke and Ryan Burke of Billerica, Patrick Burke of Tewksbury and extended family including many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Her funeral is Friday at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rt. 38) Tewksbury Center, Funeral Mass Friday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's church, 1351 Main St. (Rt. 38) Tewksbury. Calling hours Thursday 4 to 8 p.m. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Alice G. Ahern

63 years in Wilmington/Tewksbury

WILMINGTON - Alice G. "Gert" Murphy Ahern, 94, of Wilmington, formerly of Tewksbury, died December 11, 2000 at the Sunbridge for Wilmington Nursing Center in Wilmington.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Adam and the late Jennie Murphy. She lived in Wilmington and Tewksbury for over 63 years.

Mrs. Ahern was the widow of Arthur G. Ahern and is survived by her children Gertrude DeFilippo of

Wilmington, Arthur G. Ahern of Palm City, FL, Lorraine McMahon of Sandwich, N.H. and Donald Ahern of Wilmington. Mrs. Ahern is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Her funeral will be held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38) Wilmington Thursday morning at 9:45 followed by a funeral mass at St. Dorothy's Church at 11 and interment in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

George B. Dyas

retired Avco machinist; enjoyed gardening

WILMINGTON - George B. Dyas, a resident of Wilmington for more than 40 years, died December 8, 2000 following a brief illness.

Born in South Boston 73 years ago, Mr. Dyas was the widower of Marjorie L. Dyas and the father of Muriel L. Dyas and Cameron G. Dyas. He also leaves four grandchildren, Nazareno Sciotto, Kathryn, William, Jr. and Thomas Johnstone and Robin Theodos, his loving companion will also

deeply grieve his loss.

Mr. Dyas worked as a machinist for Avco for over 20 years; was a veteran of World War II and an avid gardener.

A memorial service will be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62) Wilmington Saturday, December 16 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to the American Liver Foundation PBC for the Cure, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, N.Y. 10038 will be appreciated.

Wilmington police assisted investigation

Woburn man

sentenced to 45 years

WOBURN - A major North Short and a distributor was sentenced yesterday afternoon to 45 years in state prison as a result of the conspiracy last March on drug, conspiracy and weapons offenses in United States District Court in Boston.

United States Attorney Donald B. English announced that United States District Judge George A. O'Toole sentenced Jeffrey E. North, 41, formerly of 6 Kimball Court, Woburn to 45 years imprisonment for possession of a machine gun, a handgun and a cut off UZI semi automatic pistol. He sentenced North to a five year consecutive term for conspiring to possess with intent to distribute marijuana.

North received a 30 year consecutive sentence for using the machine gun and various other weapons in furtherance of the drug conspiracy. Judge O'Toole fined North \$100,000 and ordered that North serve three years of supervised re-

lease upon his release from prison.

The evidence presented during the three week trial established that North distributed thousands of pounds of marijuana between 1995 and 1997 in Maine, New Hampshire and elsewhere in New England. North maintained an arsenal of weapons, including machine guns, semi-automatic assault weapons, hand grenades, silencers and thousands of rounds of ammunition. North used these weapons to arm other members of the conspiracy and to protect his trafficking activities.

This case was the result of a joint multi-agency investigation by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Wilmington Police Department, the Woburn Police Department and the Winthrop Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney's Christopher A. Bator and William F. Sinnott.

Lillian E. Guidobini

long-time Tewksbury resident

TEWKSBURY - Lillian E. (Guazzaloca) Guidobini, a long time resident of Tewksbury died November 29, 2000, in her 90th year. She was the widow of Anthony Guidobini who died in 1970.

Born in Somerville in 1910, she was one of seven children of Nerino and Elisa (Bregoli) Guazzaloca.

Mrs. Guidobini is survived by her sister, Louise N. Calzolari of Marshfield; her brother, William A. Guazzaloca of Reading; beloved Aunt Lil and many nieces and neph-

ews, grand nieces and nephews, and great-grand nieces and nephews.

She was also the sister of the late Orlando and Edward Guazzaloca of Somerville, Stella Bertelli of Lexington and Flora T. Risser of Somerville.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 2 at Saint Brigid Church, Lexington followed by interment in Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge.

Robert F. Love

plastics technician for Raytheon, 66

TEWKSBURY - Robert F. Love, 66, died Monday evening, Dec 11, 2000 at his Tewksbury home after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Jean R. (Martell) Love, owner of Jean's Curl and Swirl. They had celebrated a 45th wedding anniversary this past November 11th.

He was born in Boston on January 19, 1934. He was the son of James L. Love, Sr. of Tewksbury and the late Mary (Diaz) Love. He had lived in Tewksbury since 1937.

Mr. Love retired from Raytheon, where he had worked as a plastic technician of over 43 years. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union.

During the Korean War he served in the U.S. Army and later became a member of the Billerica V.F.W. Post 8819.

He was also an avid golfer.

Besides his wife and father, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Doreen R. and her husband James Fratus of Fremont, NH, a son Robert F. Love, Jr. and his

companion Julie Best of Walden, VT, four grandchildren Corey Love of VT, Shayla, Shayne and Sayre Greene all of NH, his godchild Thomas Newcomb of western Mass, four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Beatrice Newcomb of Wilmington, Rita and Arthur Marsilia of Tewksbury, Doris and Gerald "Butch" Proctor of Tewksbury, Patricia Gagnon of Tewksbury, two brothers and sisters-in-law, Arthur and Yvonne Love of Tewksbury and William and Elizabeth "Betty" Love of Chelmsford and many nieces and nephews.

Following his cremation, a graveside memorial service and committal will be held Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tewksbury Cemetery. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Calling hours are omitted. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Leukemia Society of Mass, 495 Old Connecticut Path, Framingham, MA 01701 will be appreciated.

Arrangements are through the Tewksbury Funeral Home.



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those who see that glass as half empty. This, as the title of Norman Vincent Peale's book proclaims, is The Power of Positive Thinking. James Cabell once said, "The optimist proclaims we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true."

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Jeanette E. Rocco

member Tewksbury/Wilmington Emblem Club; Wilmington Grange

TEWKSBURY - Jeanette E. (Drysedale) Rocco, 86, a resident of Tewksbury for more than 47 years, died Thursday, December 7, 2000 at the Tuell Nursing Home in Melrose, following a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Anthony Rocco who died October 22, 1975.

Mrs. Rocco was born in Everett January 4, 1914, a daughter of the late Harry L. and Katherine (Cooke) Drysdale. She attended Everett High School and prior to retirement, she and her late husband owned and operated Rocco's Disposal Company formerly of Tewksbury.

She was a communicant of St. Dorothy's Church of Wilmington. She was a former member of the Tewksbury-Wilmington Emblem Club as well as the Wilmington Grange. Mrs. Rocco enjoyed many activities, especially raising and tending to the livestock on the family farm.

She is survived by two sons, Anthony J. Rocco and his wife Blanche E. (Maker) of Sandown, N.H. and Walter Rocco and his wife Carol A. (Bucci) of Tewksbury; her brother, Everett Drysdale of Everett; her sister Anna M. Stanley of Wilmington; four grandchildren, Anthony S. and Nicholas J. Rocco of Tewksbury, Paul M. Rocco of Sandown, N.H. and Robert G. Rocco of Ayer, MA; three great-grandsons; one step-granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Rocco was also the mother of the late Paul Winn.

Funeral services were held Monday morning from the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury, followed by a funeral mass at St. Dorothy's Church and interment in Tewksbury Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, 36 Cameron Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140 will be appreciated.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, December 4
Brian Begendahl, 45, of North Andover, was arrested for falsifying/stealing a motor vehicle document.

Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street, River Road, Andover Street and Livingston Street.

A purse was snatched from a woman on Andover Street. The suspect: A white male of medium build who was dressed in a red coat camouflaged pants, a gray sweatshirt, and Army boots.

Eggs were smashed on a lamp post at a Mitchell Drive residence.

Furniture and a laptop were stolen from a Highwood Drive residence.

Tuesday, December 5
Arthur LaMontagne, 64, of New York, was arrested for carrying a firearm without a license.

Scott C. Fleischer, 30, of Tewksbury, was arrested on a warrant.

A case of larceny was reported on Main Street.

A customer fled a gas station on Main Street without first paying for gas.

Traffic accidents occurred on Clark Road, Andover Street and Main Street.

Wednesday, December 6
Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street and Merrimack Meadows Lane.

Thursday, December 7
Chad McClutchy, 21, of Chelmsford, was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license and speeding.

Traffic accidents occurred on Route 495, Country Club Drive, East Street and Woburn Street.

An attempt was made to shoplift a thermostat from a Main Street store.

A case of larceny was reported on Baystate Road.

Friday, December 8
Ernest M. Harris, Jr., 28, of Tewksbury, was arrested on a warrant.

Richard Yetman, 37, of Tewksbury, was taken into protective custody.

A matter of stolen checks was reported on Main Street.

A hit-and-run took place on Main Street.

A bank on Main Street reported to police their suspicions that two individuals were casing the property.

A traffic accident occurred in

the lot of a mall on Main Street.

The window of a booth was broken at an East Street gas station.

Saturday, December 9
Some decorative gift boxes and a reindeer were stolen from a sleigh display on the front lawn of a Mitchell Drive residence.

A hit-and-run occurred on Woburn Street.

Peeping Toms were reported on Brock Street.

Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street.

Harassing phone calls were placed to a Pinnacle Street residence.

More Christmas decorations were stolen from another residence on Mitchell Drive.

Sunday, December 10
Jason P. Graham, 17, of Tewksbury, was arrested for shoplifting.

Stephen Eagen, 33, of Billerica, was arrested for OUI; driving to endanger; speeding; failing to stop for police; and failing to keep to the right.

Harassing phone calls were made to a McLaren Road residence.

A fight broke out at a Main Street convenience store.

Wilmington Police Log

Monday, December 4
A teacher at Wilmington High School received a threatening email. Traffic accidents occurred on Main Street.

Tools were stolen from a tool box at a Lowell Street business.

A mailbox was smashed on Towpath Drive.

Christmas lights were maliciously damaged at a River Street residence.

Christmas decorations were damaged at a Woburn Street residence.

Tuesday, December 5
Jeffrey Cain, 27, of Bedford, was arrested for operating a vehicle after suspension.

A traffic accident occurred on Burlington Avenue.

Lynda Sears, 32, of Burlington, was arrested for OUI.

Wednesday, December 6
Michael R. Kenney, 17, of Wilmington, was arrested for re-

ceiving a stolen vehicle and unlicensed operation of a vehicle.

Tavadre J. Bryant, 17, of Wilmington, was arrested for receiving stolen property.

A trailer was stolen from a company on Fordham Road.

Walter A. Schuster III, 43, of Tewksbury, was arrested for OUI.

Thursday, December 7
Kosal Mao, 21, of Lowell, was arrested for operating a vehicle after license revocation.

A mailbox was reported damaged on Fairview Avenue.

A TV, VCR, printer and FAX machine were stolen from a house on Glen Road.

Friday, December 8
A laptop was stolen from a company on Jonspin Road.

Traffic accidents occurred on Burlington Avenue and Lowell Street.

Valuables were stolen from a car parked at the high school on

Church Street.

Saturday, December 9
A plastic Santa Claus was stolen from the front lawn of a Seneca lane residence.

Traffic accidents occurred on Church Street, Concord Street, Woburn Street and Lowell Street.

Ralph Marella, 36, of Newton, was arrested for operating a vehicle after license revocation.

The glass floor of a Henline Street residence was smashed with a rock.

Sunday, December 10
A Santa Claus ornament was taken from the front lawn of a Marie Drive residence.

Five cars were keyed in the parking lot of a Main Street restaurant.

Audra Bennet, 19, of Billerica, Michael Montecalvo, 19, of Woburn, Kathleen Keefe, 19, of Woburn, and Amy Courtois, 19, of Lowell, were arrested for the illegal possession of a Class D substance.

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Play begins this week on frozen pond

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

On Saturday afternoon yet another exciting Wilmington High ice hockey season will begin when the Wildcats will travel to Graf Arena in Newburyport to take on Triton Regional at 6:00 pm...oops did I say the hockey season officially starts on Saturday? Well let me back up, the hockey season officially starts on Wednesday, December 13th when the girls hockey team travels to Framingham to take on the Flyers at 4:45 pm.

Girls Hockey? Yup.

Even though the girls team is not actually a varsity team yet, the enthusiasm is there to eventually have two varsity ice hockey teams come out of the tiny Wilmington High. Now for the boys team, every team since the 1994-'95 season has been very exciting and this year appears that the program's reputation of having a winning and an exciting team will continue.

For the girls, their first 100 wins might not come as quick as Steve Scanlon's has (9 seasons), but female ice hockey has really started to vastly grow as this will be the first time the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association will sanction over 40 female ice hockey teams. And this year's girls hockey team from Wildcat country can really establish their own reputation of having a fun, exciting program to watch for years and years.

For the boys team it took several years to get that reputation back. After qualifying for the state tournament (67% back then) in the 1989-'90 season under former head

coach Bill Cullen, it took Wilmington four more years to get back to the tournament when they went 10-10 in the '94-'95 season under fourth year head coach Steve Scanlon. Since, Wilmington has made it to the state tournament every year, six seasons in a row as a matter of fact. Obviously the program took its lumps over the start of the first few years with three wins, five wins and eight wins.

Most likely the girls hockey team under coach Joe McMahan will also take their lumps early on before establish themselves. But before they establish themselves, the state of female hockey has to as well. Right now the M.I.A.A. seems to be a confused state of mind under their first year. On the M.I.A.A. website (MIAA.net) for girls hockey, the site asks for any female high school girls hockey team to let the organization know if they have a team or not. Hmm... and they have people in their organization making six figure salaries and they have to post a message on their website asking which schools have teams?

So this year might be a bit confusing for girls hockey. The team might not post 10 victories in its first year as a club team, but then again with questions of which schools actually have teams, you have to wonder what the competition is like? One thing is for sure, Division I is pretty stacked as Acton-Boxboro will try for its sixth straight state championship. Sixth straight? The boys hockey team here has made it to the state tournament every year for the past six seasons and that's certainly an impressive feat - but five straight state championships?

So beginning Saturday, oops I mean Wednesday night, the ice hockey team, oops I mean the two ice hockey teams from Wilmington High, will begin what should be another fun, interesting season of play on the ice during the cold winter months here in Wilmington. Can't wait for the first puck to be dropped.

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THE WILMINGTON HIGH ICE HOCKEY TEAM will open their season up on Saturday. This year's seniors from left Dave Hanley, Mike Comer, Mike Whitney, Scott Buck, Mike Montalto and Jason Loring, hope this season is a successful one. Missing from picture is Brian Velardo. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

WHS Ice Hockey preview Talented team seeks winning tradition

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In the last five years, the Wilmington High ice hockey team has won four Cape Ann League titles, have won many state tournament games and have combined for an incredible 75-35-13 record.

Perhaps the team has established a winning tradition...one that the program would like to continue for this upcoming 2000-'01 season starting on Saturday when the team will play Triton Regional at Newburyport's Graf Arena at 6 pm.

The first home game will be Wednesday, December 20th against Amesbury at 7:30 at Ristuccia Arena.

"We'll be right in the mix," said Steve Scanlon, the reigning two-time Town Crier Coach of the Year who has a career record of 101-70-17 in his 9 years as head coach. "I think our strengths will be speed and depth. We have three good lines, and the winning tradition certainly helps with confidence. So the kids expect to do well."

Last year's Wildcat team finished

15-4-4 overall and were eliminated in the North Sectional Semi-Finals against league rival Lynnfield, 2-0. Last year's team was very fast, very physical, extremely disciplined and very hard workers.

Although a few of those players from last year's team are gone, this year's team brings a lot of talented forwards to the table.

"We lost quite a bit from last year's team," said Scanlon. "The physical part we lost - [Dan] Torpey and [Eric] Banda really provided that for us. I think we have the same type of speed that we had with

the ['98-'99] team. Right now we have to find out if our young defensemen will step up, and we have to figure out the goalie situation."

Wilmington lost three-year starter Mike O'Connor from the goalie spot. O'Connor really made huge strides of improvement over his three year stay as last year he started the season without allowing a goal until late in the first period of

the team's fifth game.

Right now the spot for this year's team is being battled between O'Connor's back-up from last year junior Joe "Lucky" Luciano, and sophomore Paul Sferazza.

"I don't see anyone stepping up right now," said Scanlon. "So we'll have to wait and see how it plays out. We might go week-to-week or game-to-game, and maybe we'll split the duties between them. But we're hoping one of them steps up."

Playing in front of either netminder will be four defensemen, two with major amount of experience behind them and two rookies. Senior Scott Buck went down with an ankle injury from last year but appears to be healthy and back on track. He is the most experienced blueliner the team has. Buck is a solid stay home defenseman who does his job. Pairing up with Buck is junior Brent Holloway who is up from the JV team.

The other tandem will be senior Mike Comer, who has logged serious amount of minutes over the last

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THE NEWLY FORMER WILMINGTON HIGH GIRLS HOCKEY CLUB TEAM will open their season on Wednesday. Pictured not in order are: Christina Roux, Sarah Bellefontaine, Megan Grenier, Kristine Barry, Caroline Powers, Cherokee Bramantejohn, Lisa Antonangeli, Jillian Abell, Tiffany Zolt, Shannon Fahey, Ashley Biggins, Kristin Burns, Rachele See, Jenn Rigers, Samantha Dunnett, Sherri Mills, Crystal Duarte, Jen Corcoran, Jackie Rideout, Maria Sorrentino and Heather See. Coaches are Joe McMahan, Kenny DeMaggio, Harry See, and Deanna Ward. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Girls Hockey to begin

By Paul Hayes
Sports Correspondent

Jackie Rideout has been there before, digging a puck out of the corner behind the opponent's net. The grade 8 student has been playing hockey since she was about 7 years old.

But on a recent night, when she flipped the puck in front of the net to sophomore Rachel See, and See stuffed it into the net, it was not your typical assist. It was history. Rideout and See combined for the first assist and goal registered in

competition by the newly-formed Wilmington High School girls hockey team.

The play occurred halfway through a 15 minute pre-season game against Natick High School at the hockey jamboree in Cambridge on Saturday. The goal gave Wilmington High a 1-0 lead, which they held until Natick knotted the score with less than a minute remaining.

According to Rideout, she was fighting off one defender, with a second on the way, when she

noticed See in front of the net.

"I was thinking the puck would at least get on her stick, and hopefully she would get the shot off," said Rideout.

Afterwards, she realized it was the team's first goal, but for a player with her experience the goals and assists all blend together.

"It was no different than any other goal."

The team settled for their first tie of the season, which was a

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Bere headed back to the Windy City

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Wilmington native Jason Bere has reached a preliminary deal with the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday which would pay him \$4.5 million for two years.

The Cubs did not announce the deal at baseball's winter meetings. But a source with knowledge of the contract, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said it would be completed as soon as a few final details were resolved.

Bere went 12-10 with a 5.47 ERA last season for Milwaukee and Cleveland, his first year with double-digit wins since 1994. He has battled through injuries during his eight year career, but threw a career high 169 1/3 innings last season.

The Cubs, who lost out on Mike Hampton to the Colorado Rockies, were desperate to add another starting pitcher. Their rotation for 2001 includes Kerry Wood, Jon Lieber, Kevin Tapani and Julian Tavarez, who signed a \$5 million, two-year deal last month.

The Cubs' pitching staff had a

5.25 ERA last season, third worst in the NL, and president and general manager Andy McPhail made it a priority this off season.

The Cubs have reached preliminary agreements with catcher Todd Hundley and former Red Sox pitchers Tom Gordon and left-hander Jeff Fassero within the past week.

Bere won 12 games for the Chicago White Sox each of his first two seasons, but struggled to an 8-15 record in 1995 and made only 11 appearances in the majors the next two seasons because of arm problems.

Bere, who was not offered salary arbitration by the Cleveland Indians, has a 59-44 career record with a 5.28 ERA. He also drew some interest from the Boston Red Sox.

Bere, a Wilmington High star back in the 1980's under coach Dick Scanlon, still lives in the Merrimack Valley area. He and his wife Danielle, also from Wilmington, built a house in North Andover a few years ago where they make their off season home.



WILMINGTON HIGH BOYS' TRACK CO-CAPTAINS Chris Calway (left) and Josh Hiltz (right) will be looked to lead the team on and off the track. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Boys Track gearing up for another successful season

By PAUL HAYES
Sports Correspondent

Coach Dana Sweet said he would be happy if the Wilmington High School boys indoor track team finished the 2000-2001 season with a winning record, and predicts the team will finish at +3. But then again, Sweet is known to underestimate.

Sweet made the same prediction when he was an assistant coach for the boys outdoor track team in the spring. That team ended the season in third place with an 8-3 record.

"It will be the same as in the spring, we'll have a lot of close meets," said Sweet. "We'll be separated from the teams we beat, or lose to, by only a few points."

Sweet was appointed head coach before the start of the season, after three years as an assistant, to replace former coach Bob Cripps, who stepped down last year. He inherits a young, fast team with a hole in the middle distance events. The team lost several key people to graduation, including two of the top six middle distance runners in the Cape Ann League.

Sweet will have to depend on a large group of underclassmen to help fill the void in the 600 and 1,000 meter events.

Middle distance is not the only area where younger runners will be asked to step forward and make contribution. The team is comprised of 15 freshman - half of the teams roster of 30 - and 8 sophomores.

Sweet also expects to move runners up from sprints, or down from long-distance events, to plug

in the hole at middle distance. Senior co-captain Chris Calway is projected to be one of the runners that could help. Calway is the Cape Ann League's reigning 300 meter hurdles champion, and one of the leagues top high jumpers.

"We're looking deep in hurdles, we might move (Calway) around," said Sweet. "We're hoping to spread him out."

Also projected to run middle distance are sophomores Steve Berry and Jason Gustin and freshman Shayne Gaffney. Barry is considered an up and coming sprinter, while Gaffney recently completed a successful cross country season, during which he set the freshman home course record and established himself as the teams top runner.

The team will be led by co-captains Calway and Josh Hiltz, a

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WILMINGTON HIGH WRESTLING TRI-CAPTAINS Pete Reitchel, Marc Sollazzo and John McMahan will start pinning their share of opponents on Wednesday when the season opens at WHS. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Wrestlers plan on more pins this year

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year the Wilmington High wrestling team probably had its greatest individual season to date. Pat Heffernan was crowned state champion, Marc Sollazzo took third in the state, while the team had many individuals who placed in the sectionals, and the Cape Ann League meet.

But on the flip side of that, the team struggled record wise, going 7-10, including 4-4 in the CAL. Head coach Mike Pimental, now in his sixth year at the helm, is hoping the individual and the team efforts can all come together this season which began on Wednesday night against Hamilton-Wenham.

"We're looking at having a real good shot of doing something special," said Pimental. "These kids have worked so hard and I think they deserve it. They have gone through so much perseverance. Almost every single one of them have gone to camps and have really worked hard even before getting on the mat. I think this is the year they need to get over that hump and do something special."

It looks as if Wilmington has the capabilities to do that. Sollazzo, who took third in the section, third in the state in the 145-pound class a year ago, will be moved up to the 152-pound class this year. Currently he is ranked fifth in the all-state pre-season poll. He will be one of the team's three captains along with senior Pete Reitchel - who took

third in the section last year at 119 - and junior John McMahan, who is a two-time sectional place finisher.

"North Andover and Pentucket will definitely be the tougher teams in the league," said Pimental. "I'm hoping we'll be above the mix, but we should definitely be in the mix."

This year's team is loaded with underclassmen who strive on working as hard as they can to crack the line-up, to improve and to win. That has been displayed with so many of the wrestlers going to two weeks camps in Iowa and Vermont. Pimental says that he treats the kids like young adults and he has an incredulous work regime for the kids which makes it impossible for them not to be ready come game time. He says the rest is up to the kids, if they believe in themselves they will go a long way.

"We have a lot of kids who look fantastic, who really are very good technical wrestlers," he said. "Once a wrestler gets confidence in himself, it really makes a difference."

Starting from the 103 weight class to the top, junior Justin Strem will be returning. He was a sectional place finisher as a freshman and last year he would have been one again but he lost a heartbreaking overtime loss. At 112, junior Chris Minghella returns as a two-time sectional place finisher, taking sixth twice. Pimental said he looks outstanding, especially on his feet and in the neutral position.

Junior Sang Ngo has broken into the line-up for the first time at 119, as has junior Roman Walsh, who will bounce between the 125 and 130-pound classes. Reitchel will also bounce between the 125 and 130 classes, depending on the strategy.

Pimental uses for that certain match. The Coach says that Reitchel is looks extremely good especially with his strong offensive moves.

Sophomore Derek Hanley, who took fifth in the section as a freshman which included having the returning state runner-up on his back before losing because of inexperience, seems to be one of the younger kids who has a very bright future with the program. He will float between the 130/135 pound classes along with McMahan.

At 145, Steve O'Dea a junior, has cracked the line-up for the first time, while, Sollazzo will try to do his thing at 152. At 160, Jason Cranford has the spot but separated his shoulder last week and his status is unsure. Freshman David Paris, who looks very good as a first-timer, will get a chance to fill in, as will junior Pat Graham, who'll bounce between 160 and 171, depending on the strategy. Also at 171, will be Matt Gennetti, a returning letterman from the 160 class from last year, but who is out with a knee injury right now.

The busiest weight class seems to be at 189. Billy and Joe Cavanaugh, a senior and sophomore brothers, are newcomers to the sport this season. They join sophomore Phil O'Brien, junior Tim Elliott and another newcomer, senior Jim Fennelly.

"We are very excited that Jim chose to come out for the team," said Pimental. "Just to have such a young man like Jim on our team makes us better. He will raise the atmosphere in the room for us because so many kids look up to him. Having him on our team will be nothing but positive for us."

Fennelly is an extremely good and tough athlete. He had a tremendous season in football as a two-way guard, while, he is also a sound baseball player, not to mention making the varsity basketball team last year coming off the bench and supplying much needed toughness the team needed. This year he decided to try wrestling, and by his toughness alone, he should crack the win column very shortly, regardless if he hasn't wrestled before.

Moving up to 215, Joe Cotto who wrestled as a freshman, is back and he'll compete with Derek Downs and Mike Hiltz. Finally at 275, senior Mike Murphy, who took fourth at the CAL Meet last year, will compete with sophomore Luke Gennetti for that spot.

Also looking to crack the line-up will be: freshman Joe Moffat (103); sophomores Cory Calway and Julio Fiumara (112); freshmen Mike Aronofsky, Dave Nguyen and sophomore Jordan Weiner (119); sophomore Chris Kittredge (125), senior Mike Parisi and sophomore Ryan Orsburn (130); Sophomores Nick Gibson, Martino Nguyen and Dennis Trulli (145) and junior Chris Isberg (152).

This Saturday beginning at 10:00 am and lasting into the evening, the 15th annual Sons of Italy Wrestling tournament will take place at WHS with about a dozen teams coming in including locals Tewksbury and Shawsheen.

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positive way to end their first-ever day of competition, after losing their opening pre-season match, 5-0, to Newton North High School.

Wilmington High Athletic Director Jim Gillis, who attended the hockey jamboree, said the girls

hockey team did a fantastic job.

"Natick probably had a years more experience, but we can compete with them," said Gillis. "Our team has a lot of stairs to climb, but they are a committed young group, and the more they skate the better they will be."

Coach Joe McMahon said he will not measure the teams success by wins and losses. McMahon and assistant coaches Kenny Demaggio, Harry See and goalie coach Matt DePasquale would no doubt enjoy a winning season, but they are more concerned with establishing a good foundation for a girls hockey program in Wilmington.

"I just want them to have a smile on their face every time they come off the ice," said McMahon.

The majority of girls on the teams 30 person roster have either never skated, or have never played hockey before. The team consists almost entirely of underclassmen, including a handful of grade 8 students.

McMahon said his coaching staff intends to focus instruction on the basic elements of the game. Demaggio, a former Wilmington High hockey player, instructs potential forwards, while See, a longtime youth hockey coach and former defenseman for Bentley College, instructs potential defensive players. DePasquale works with the goalies, grade 8 students Heather See and Julie Martell.

"Without (Demaggio, See and DePasquale), I'd be lost," said McMahon.

The practices focus on rudimentary plays, and for the final 20 minutes the entire team works on skating, stick handling and other

basic skills.

The team will also have a rotating 4 line system, and each game a different line will sit in the bleachers and learn the game by watching. Demaggio devised the idea to prevent crowding the bench, and to provide more playing time for the remainder of the team. Demaggio will sit with the inactive line, and will teach them about hockey by using the game as a "living lesson."

"At the end of the season I want (the team) to be better skaters, better players, and to have more knowledge of the game than when they started," said McMahon. So far the girls have been accepted the challenge. Not a single member of the team has missed a 6 a.m. practice, which are held 2-3 days per week at the Ristuccia Arena.

"Everything from them has been positive," said McMahon.

Parents have also accepted the challenge, or at least the financial burden. Members of the girls hockey team paid for their own equipment, primarily from Play It Again Sports in North Reading and Stoneham.

The majority of the girls had to buy a complete set of hockey equipment, from helmets to skates. Some of the equipment is resurected boys equipment.

The average cost for equipment was between \$200-\$300.

However the team, and parents, did receive slight financial relief when the town purchased a set of goalie equipment including a helmet, gloves and a chest protector. The team was also given a complete set of home and away jerseys from the boys junior varsity hockey team.

This year the state offi-

WHS Girls Hockey Schedule

1/13	at Framingham	4:45 pm
1/16	at Masconomet	1:00 pm
1/19	at Arlington	5:45 pm
1/20	at Lincoln-Sud.	4:00 pm
1/21	at Belmont	5:45 pm
1/23	at Gloucester	12:00 pm
1/30	at Cambridge	5:00 pm
1/6	at Masconomet	7:00 pm
1/10	vs Lincoln-Sud.	7:30 pm
1/12	at Gloucester	5:30 pm
1/17	vs Woburn	3:00 pm
1/18	at Belmont	5:45 pm
1/27	vs Winchester	2:30 pm
1/31	at Burlington	3:30 pm
2/3	at Watertown	3:10 pm
2/7	vs Cambridge	7:30 pm
2/10	at Canton	4:00 pm
2/14	at Westwood	6:30 pm

cially sanctioned girls ice hockey, making it a recognized interscholastic sport. Nearly 40 schools have already formed varsity-level teams, and several others including Wilmington have created club teams.

As a club team, Wilmington girls hockey will not receive athletic department funding this season. The uniforms and equipment are paid for with private funds, and the coaches do not receive compensation. But McMahon expects the team will earn varsity status (and the accompanying funding) in 2 to 4 years.

"We want to make sure the sport takes off," said Gillis. "Usually in two years a sport will become varsity if the students show a strong interest in the sport."

The girls will kick off their season tomorrow at Framingham

High School at 5 p.m. In total, the team will play a hectic five away games over the next 8 days.

After Framingham, they will face Masconomet Regional High School on Saturday, Arlington High on Tuesday, Lincoln-Sudbury on Wednesday and Belmont on Thursday.

McMahon said the schedule was tight because the team had to squeeze in 19 games between now and the end of the season in early February. He said the team was ready to play.

"The girls are excited, the parents are excited, they know it's a privilege to be here," said McMahon. "I've coached everything from mites to midjets, ages 6 to 17, and this is probably the most fun I've had coaching in a long time."



WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRACK CAPTAINS KIM GILLESPIE (LEFT) AND BECKY RUFO hope they can lead the team to a winning record. Missing from picture is Michele Lemos. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Girls Track hopes to warm up quickly

By PAUL HAYES
Sports Correspondent

As the name implies, indoor track is supposed to take place indoors. But for the past couple of weeks, the Wilmington High School girls indoor track team has held practice in the only available place: Outside.

Track practice starts with a warm-up indoors, and then the middle and long distance runners, and the shot put throwers, make their way out of the school, to work out in temperatures that vary between cold and freezing.

"You know those extreme conditions when weathermen say not to go outside?" asked Kane. "That's when we go outside."

The harsh conditions may turn a good team into a great team. Last year the girls track team finished the season with a 4-6 record. The record is deceptive, said Kane, because three of the losses came down the final event, the 4x400 relay.

"Although we finished 4-6, it was a good season," said Kane. "Our goal this year is to reverse our record to 6-4."

For the second consecu-

tive year, the girls team is primarily made up of underclassmen.

Freshmen and sophomores account for 25 of the teams 36-person roster. But the teams most valuable athletes may be it's three senior captains Kim Gillespie, Becky Rufo and Michele Lemos.

Gillespie is the reigning Cape Ann League 300-meter champion, Rufo is among the best millers in the league, and Lemos is a threat in the 50-meter event. All three are also outstanding high jumpers, and members of the crucial 4x400 relay team.

While the team is strong in

the high jump and short distance events, the team is unproven in the middle distance events. Stepping in to run the 600 and 1,000 meter races will be several promising freshmen including Emily Dorrance, Melissa Marques and Janelle Bertolino.

According to Kane, the team has at least one athlete who can place in each event.

In addition to Gillespie, Rufo, and Lemos, other scoring threats include sophomore Mary Sullivan in the 1,000 meters, Michaela Rufo in the 600 meters,

and Ashley Veator and Stephanie Quinton in the 50 meters. Quinton is also expected to place in the shot put.

Freshman Katherine Chin has performed well in practice in the sprinting events.

Kane also expects improved performances this season from junior hurdlers Stefany Winn, Lisa Hurley and Carissa Newhouse. Sophomore Michelle Brush, who suffered a sprained ankle towards the end of the cross country season, is recovering quickly, and is projected to be the teams top 200 meter.

The teams young complexion has not left the team short of leadership. The sophomores have matured quickly and stepped in to fill leadership roles on the team. They have taken on the responsibility to introduce the large freshman class to indoor track, and explain to freshmen what they can expect as the season moves forward.

The team opens their season against Masconomet Regional High School on Saturday at the Lynn Technical High School field house.

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sprinter who runs the 50 and 300 meter events, and is a returning Cape Ann League all star in the pole vault.

Other returning seniors include the trio of Andy Hackett, Eric Farrell and Andrew Coyne in the shot put, John DePasquale and Mark Jepson, who is a couple of weeks from rejoining the team while he recovers from a football injury.

Returning hurdlers who are expected to make an impact this year include juniors Steve Natoli and Tim Robillard, sophomore Matt Goldblatt, and senior sprinter-hurdler Mike Halas, who is recovering from a hamstring injury.

The team's distance runners are overseen by newly hired

assistant and current cross country coach Tom Bradley. Top distance runners include senior Dan Alosco, and freshmen Gaffney and

Brian Schell

The boys indoor track team opens their season against a tough Masconomet Regional High School team on Saturday at the Lynn Technical High School field house. Sweet considers the meet against Masco a good chance to roll the dice, because Masco is such a strong team, and Sweet knows his athletes must be prepared to compete in unfamiliar events against more evenly matched teams.

"It's a good chance for us to try different kids in different areas," said Sweet. He said it was not like other season-opening meets where teams "felt a lot of pressure to perform," and "had no latitude in moving kids around."

He hopes this approach - even if it results in an opening loss - will prepare his team to rake in the 4 wins he has predicted. Then again Sweet has been known to be wrong before. Just ask him about last spring.

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PAULO CALDONCELLI, THIRD FROM RIGHT, is a transfer student from Brazil attending Tewksbury High. Recently, the MIAA denied his waiver allowing him to play high school basketball. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Transfer students forced to sit on bench

MIAA denies two locals chance to play hoop

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In the 24-hour period from Monday to Tuesday afternoon, both the Tewksbury High and Wilmington High Boys' Basketball teams were denied waivers on transfer students by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA).

Paulo Caldoncelli, a 6-8, 240-pound junior center came to Tewksbury from Brazil with three siblings to live with his aunt and uncle who are their legal guardians, according to Tewksbury High Principal Tony Romano. Valence Nwachukwu, is a 6-2 junior guard who moved from Omaha, Nebraska to live with his father, Alex, here in Massachusetts. Originally they moved to Woburn. Valence attended Woburn High for the first two months of the school year. About a month ago he and his father moved to Wilmington.

According to Romano, Caldoncelli - a Division 1 Collegiate Prospect - was denied his waiver for the third time on Monday afternoon because the MIAA feels he will be to great an impact on the program.

Wilmington head coach Jim McCune said on Tuesday night after his team won its opening game, that he has no idea why the MIAA granted Nwachukwu - also a Division 1 prospect - a waiver, only to deny it hours before the team's first game.

"We sought a waiver for Valence because of his move from Woburn to Wilmington," said McCune. "Everything was all set - he was approved and everything. We got called last week from the MIAA and they said that Valence's case was a hot one and they requested more information. We figured by faxing them more information on him that we were just complying with them. Then we got a fax [on Monday] denying the waiver for Valence. We have an appeal for next Tuesday at 3:30 at the MIAA Building [in Franklin]."

"I can't understand why this young man is not being allowed to play ... I just don't understand it. Everything is legit. He has done no wrong. He came to Wilmington to live with his father and he wants to play basketball."

Nwachukwu could win his appeal and be granted the waiver he needs. But for Caldoncelli, his denial on Monday was his third and that's it for him unless he wants to take legal action.

"I'm not going to seek legal action on behalf of the school," said Romano. "The option is available to Paulo and his family if they wish. I've sent a letter back to [MIAA Executive Director] Dick Neal stating my reasons of why I think this system has failed."

Romano is a member of the MIAA. He is the North Sectional Tournament Director in Basketball. He knows the people and organization very well. But he doesn't understand this decision.

"I believe in the organization," he said. "But we're unhappy right now. The ultimate evaluation is very subjective and I don't think it's fair for our organization to be so subjective in front of a three-man panel."

According to Romano, Caldoncelli sought a waiver right when he began attending Tewksbury High in the early goings of September. That waiver was denied by an Executive Director of the MIAA. Caldoncelli then went for his first appeal several weeks later and was denied again this time by a three-member subcommittee of a review board. Then last Friday the third hearing for Caldoncelli was presented by Tewksbury to the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council, which is also a three-member board. The waiver was denied by a 2-1 vote.

"We feel that Paulo is here for the same reasons other foreign exchange students are here," said Romano. "He's in what we call a sponsoring cultural homestay program. There's three other basketball players in the same program who have all been approved waivers, a kid from Haverhill, a kid from Andover and a kid from Hamilton-Wenham. They are all here under the exchange program."

"The MIAA position disturbs me because they say the impact Paulo will have is the reason - because he's so tall that he's going to make Tewksbury into the Boston Celtics. They said it would create a displacement of another student from Tewksbury. But if you have a 5-foot-2 [transfer student] I don't think there would be an issue here."

Tewksbury High coach Jim Sullivan was asked about the loss of Caldoncelli after his team dropped a one-point decision on Tuesday night.

"My feeling is that it's become a distraction for our team, and I'd like everyone to stop talking about it."

Sullivan was then asked about the possibility of taking legal action.

"That's up to Paulo and his family. We'd love to have him, but we have four seniors on this team, a junior that have been with us for three years. We can play solid basketball without him. If we had him, it would be great. We're a Division 2 state contender, a legitimate state contender, with him. Without him, we're in the tournament - we can do some damage."

"Without him, we're still a Division 2 contender just not as strong because we don't have that on big strong guy in the middle. We have the guy we have. We have 11 guys on our team without him. By talking about him and worrying about him and what's going on, we're short-changing our 11 guys that we have. So, he's part of our family. He still practices with us everyday. He sits on our bench. He makes trips with us when we do things as a team and as a family. He's part of that family and right now someone else is not allowing him to play, and that's the end of it."

This area of transfer students getting waivers is very foggy. A few years ago, Scott Hazelton went to Malden Catholic his freshman year. After the school year was over he left and he transferred to Central Catholic. At the time the MIAA felt that Hazelton transferred because of basketball and basketball only, so they ordered him to sit out a year which he did. After sitting out his sophomore year, he played at Central his junior and senior seasons graduating this past June and getting a full scholarship at the University of Connecticut.

Besides Hazelton there is also a kid named Makan Kanote, an 6-8 center - who is already been contacted by Division 1 Colleges such as Clemson, Memphis and St. John's - who came from Mali, Africa to Ayer, Massachusetts last year. The MIAA denied his waiver last year as a freshman and wouldn't let him play. This year he can play because the one-year ban on a transfer student is up.

According to a reliable source, Caldoncelli will be eligible to play for Tewksbury next season as long as he stays in the school system. If he chooses to transfer out again, he'll have to go outside the MIAA to play high school basketball. Right now he has no other options unless he takes legal action. But according to the same source, Caldoncelli did have a lawyer present with him at the third hearing, but apparently that wasn't too effective.

As for Nwachukwu, his appeal hearing is hours before the team's third game of the season and if he keeps getting denied, he too can play next year, if he stays in the Wilmington School system. Right now, neither Valence nor anyone else has any idea what is going on.

"No one has told us anything," said McCune. "The MIAA won't say why they are denying him this waiver. We have no idea why. Everything he's done is legit."

Both the Wilmington and Tewksbury programs don't get transfers often. In fact, Valence is the first one Jim McCune has had in his 12 years as head coach. In this case, both of them didn't come here with intent of just using basketball to hopefully get a scholarship. They came to their respective towns to be with their families.

"Paulo is here for the correct reasons," said Romano. "We didn't go out and recruit him or anything else. He moved here so he could live with his family. There was no intent here at all. If he chose to move to Portsmouth, Maine then so be it. If he is a great basketball player then so be it. He's a 17-year-old kid who is hoping to gain the cultural experience [in the United States] and if he plays basketball and that leads to a college scholarship good for him. Just like our other students here, they play for athletic scholarships and if they get it - good for them."

"This is purely subjective. I don't think the MIAA looked at this from our association. Our record indicates that we've won 14 games and lost 64 against other Merrimack Valley Conference teams in the past six years. So how much better will one player make Tewksbury?"

Attempts to get comments from the MIAA were denied. The secretary for the organization said that no one would be able to comment at that time, that afternoon or the entire day following. Perhaps a stonewall. Perhaps it's legit.

Patrick Hanrahan contributed to his report.

The message has been sent If you're a good player, don't come calling

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

On the first day of this school year, I got word that Tewksbury High School received a transfer basketball player from Brazil. I heard that he was in the range of 6-7 to 6-9 and was quite the basketball player. In fact, I had heard that he played for the Jr. Olympic Basketball team in Brazil.

When I ran into basketball coach Jim Sullivan the following afternoon, I asked him if he would let me do a story on the player. Sullivan basically downplayed it, and asked me if I would wait a week so the transfer student could get acclimated to the school. I agreed. I ran into Sullivan the following week, I was firm saying that I was going to do the story regardless of if he wanted me to or not. That's all people were talking about. Sullivan talked it over with Tony Romano and Bob Aylward and the three of them didn't think it would be a good idea for me to do it since the transfer student, Paulo Caldoncelli, didn't make the team yet, the season hadn't started and he needed this thing called a waiver ... a waiver?

For any transfer student, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Association (MIAA) states that the school must request a waiver, or permission if you will, from their organization for that transfer to play high school sports. OK, I can see the reasons for that so they can double check on players ... after all it was just a few years ago when a 22-year-old basketball player played a half season in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference until he got caught.

Now assuming everything is legit on the player - age, family, their location and so on - the big question remains - who gets approved... and why?

In Eastern Massachusetts, there are a handful of transfer basketball students. Haverhill, Andover, Hamilton-Wenham and Lynn Classical all have a player who was granted a waiver by the MIAA. Ayer's transfer Makan Kanote, was denied the waiver last year and was forced to sit out his entire freshman year. He is being allowed to play this year. In Tewksbury, Caldoncelli is not allowed to play high school basketball even though he and his three siblings live with their legal guardians, his aunt and uncle in Tewksbury. Caldoncelli has been told that he's too good for schoolboy basketball. He's 17 years old.

In Wilmington, Valence Nwachukwu moved from Omaha, Nebraska, to Woburn to live with his father. Two months later he and his father found a better place to live, here in Wilmington. Now the MIAA is denying Valence a chance to play high school basketball.

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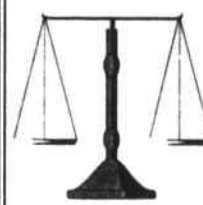
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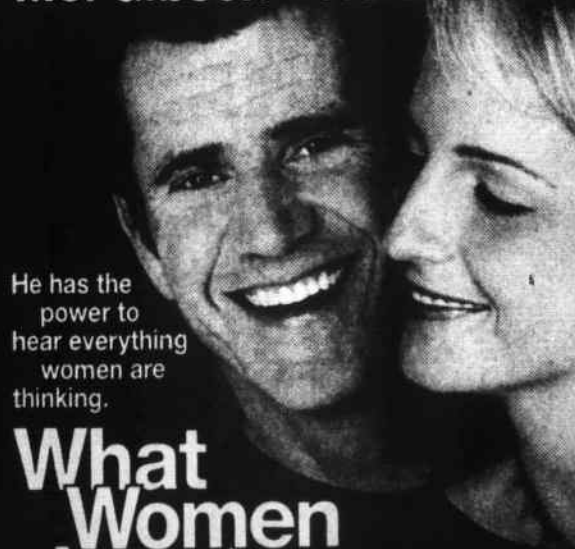
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WILMINGTON HIGH SENIOR KRISTA WOLFE tries to unleash a shot with three Amesbury defenders on her during Tuesday night's opening loss at WHS. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Girls fall in opener after great start

By JAMIE POTE Sports Editor
Through the first 4 minutes and 40 seconds of their season, the Wilmington High Girls' Basketball team had Amesbury right where they wanted with an 8-1 lead.
The last 27 minutes and 20 seconds, Amesbury couldn't do anything wrong, and Wilmington's inexperienced showed as the Fighting Indians finished the first half with an 22-6 edge and the rest of the game with an 42-22 edge as they defeated Wilmington, 43-30, on opening night at Larry Cushing Sr. Gymnasium on Tuesday evening.



WILMINGTON'S LORI VACHON (LEFT) AND KRISTIN SAUVE (RIGHT) go after a loose ball during the Wildcats opening loss on Tuesday night. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Talented team seeks winning tradition

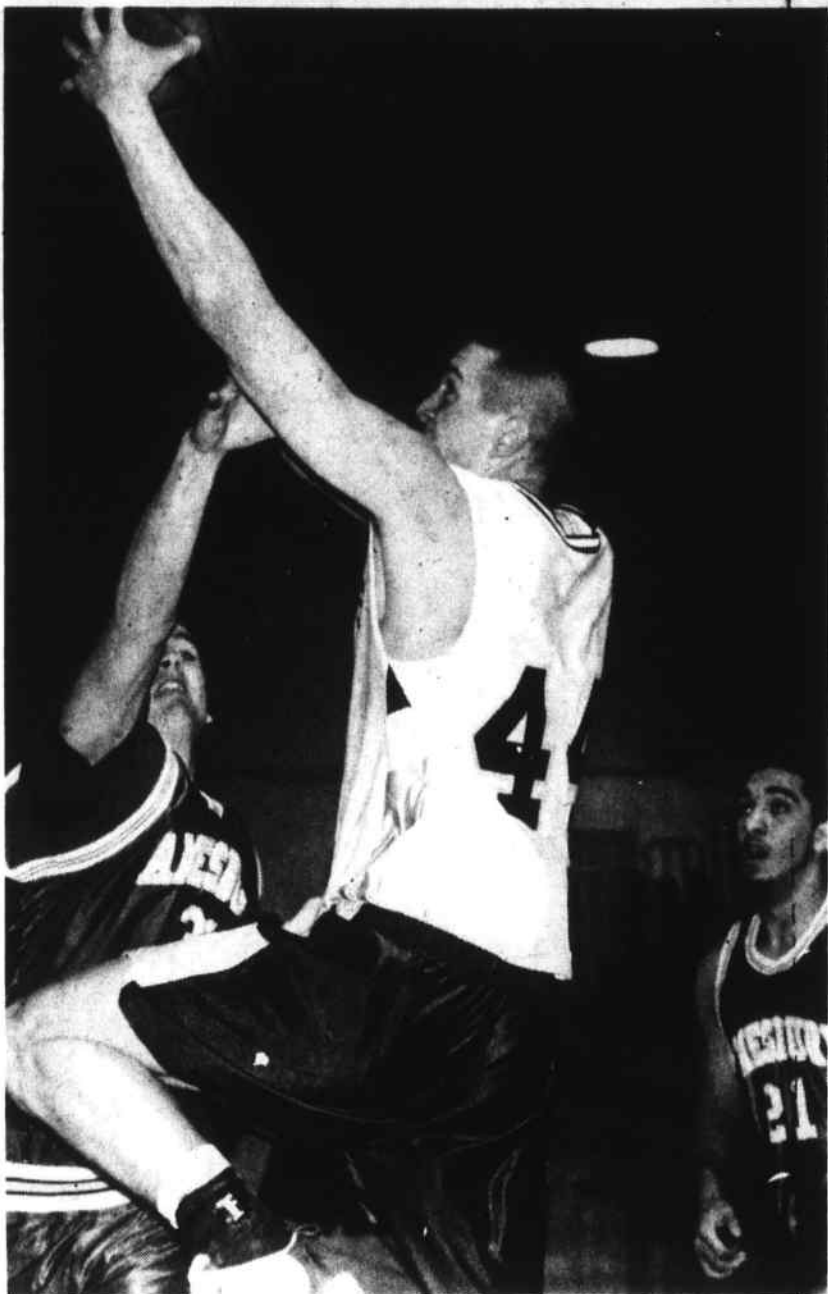
three years. He'll be looked upon to really solidify the defense, especially helping sophomore Matt Porter ease into his first full season. Porter stepped in for Buck last year and certainly has a lot of potential.
As for the forwards, the 'Cats have many talented players who can skate, skate fast and provide

the price of admission. Scanlon said at the time of the interview that his line-up could very well change, but at the time the plan was to have Mike Whitney (11 goals last year) center Dan Liberty and Geoff Ferreira. And that trio could really make things happen and happen very quickly.
"The first two lines are interchangeable," said Scanlon. "We'd

certainly be comfortable in lining up either line against an opposing team's first line. Ferreira is really a player. He has speed, strength, he's nasty and he has a great shot. Whitney is certainly a player and Liberty will certainly be looked to step it up. All three of them are very good players."
The second threesome will have senior Mike Montalto centering Anthony Tomasi and senior Brian Velardo. Montalto is a very good centerman who wins a lot of face-offs. Both he and Velardo are relentless workers and relentless back

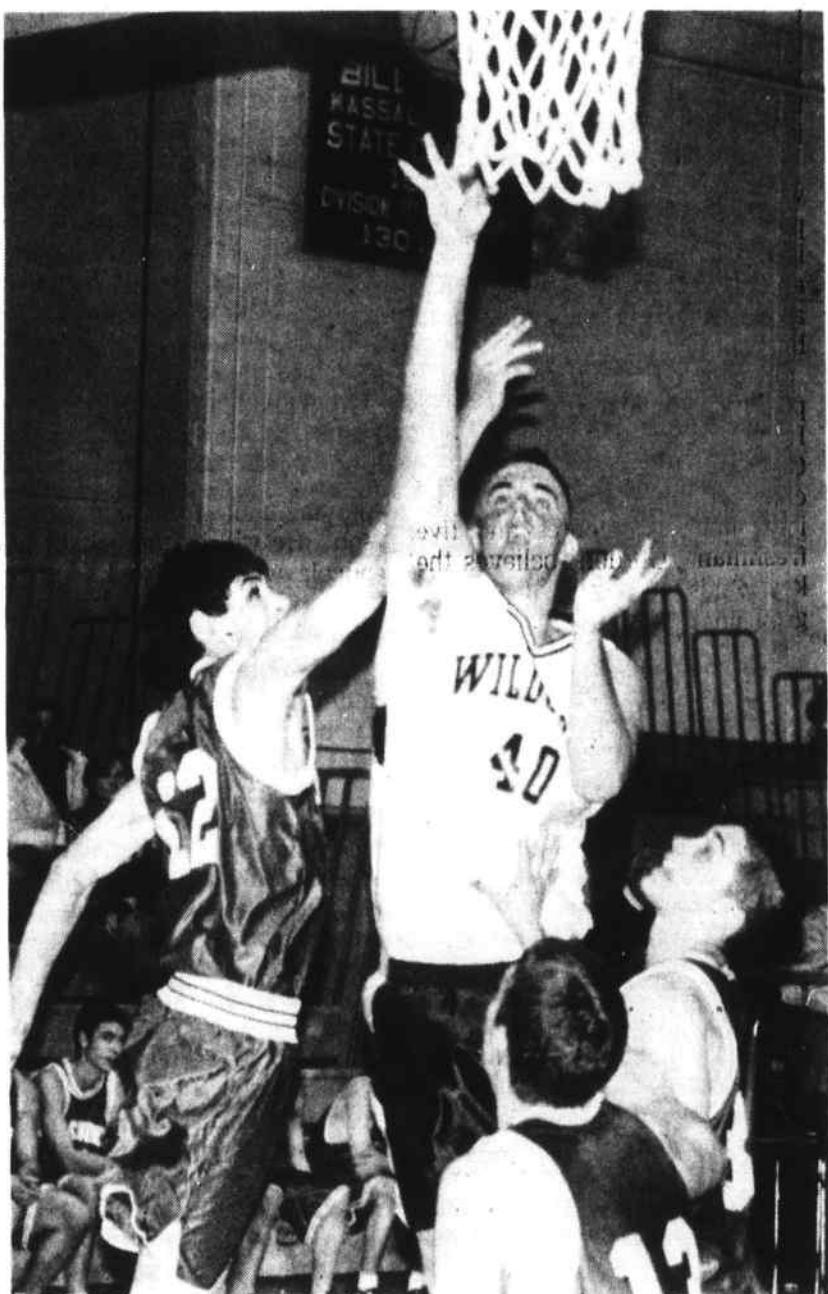
Wildcats take first game easily

By JAMIE POTE Sports Editor
It started just four seconds into the game when Eric Swiezynski nailed a jump shot. From that point on, Wilmington never trailed in its opening game as the 'Cats defeated Amesbury, 73-51, on Tuesday night at Wilmington's Larry Cushing Sr. Gymnasium.
Swiezynski paced the 'Cats with an 26 point, 13 rebound night, despite coming out with five minutes left. Wilmington's full court pressure, overall team speed, team depth and overall ability proved to be too much for Amesbury, who doesn't have a senior on their roster.
"I'm pretty happy with the first half performance," said coach Jim McCune. "I don't think we came out with the right enthusiasm in the second half. But we got a lot of the younger guys in and they played well, and they proved that they can play. I thought David [Aronofsky] played a very steady, solid game and he didn't turn the ball over, and Craig [Osgood] added a nice change."
Both Aronofsky and Osgood saw a lot of playing time because point guard Valence Nwachukwu, a transfer from Omaha, Nebraska, couldn't play because the MIAA denied his waiver request. But for Aronofsky and Osgood this was a perfect opener to get their feet wet. Both of them played very solidly as did the veteran players like Tim Riley and Josh Howlett.



ERIC SWIEZYNSKI AND JOSH HOWLETT (BOTTOM) in action during Tuesday's win. (Photos by Joe Hakey).

"Josh was tremendous defensively in the low post," said McCune. "There's not one person who can tell me that they haven't witnessed his improvement from last year."
Besides Osgood and Aronofsky getting their feet wet, sophomore Pat Taylor also played well with 9 points. The big forward has a nice soft touch and a good left handed shot. Coming off the bench, the efforts of Mike Herra and Mike Jordan didn't go unnoticed either. Jordan was second in scoring with 11 second half points, while, Taylor added 9, followed by Chris Derian with 6, Howlett with 5, Herra and Osgood with 4 each, Aronofsky and Warren Cormier with 3 each, and Tim Riley with two.
Wilmington took it to Amesbury right away building an 19-6 lead with 6:38 left, and that transpired to an 30-12 lead to an 36-13 lead at halftime. Wilmington was outscored 38-37 in the second half.
The 'Cats will travel to Newburyport for a big match-up on Friday night, before coming home next Tuesday with Lynnfield beginning at 7:30.
Wilmington 73, Amesbury 51
WILMINGTON - Riley 1-0-2, Taylor 4-1-9, Osgood 1-2-4, Howlett 2-1-5, Swiezynski 10-4-26, Herra 2-0-4, Jordan 2-6-11, Derian 3-0-6, Aronofsky 1-1-3, Brown 0-0-0, Ferrari 0-0-0, Cormier 0-3-3, Menezes 0-0-0. Totals: 26-18-73.
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Shawsheen Tech

SPORTS

Hockey team would like to start new reign

By DAVID FLYNN
Sports Correspondent

Last season, the Shawsheen Rams Hockey team failed to make the State Tournament after compiling a 9-10-1 record. It marked only the second time in the school's history that the hockey program did not participate in the tourney.

With the 2000-2001 season upon us, the Rams appear ready to get back where they belong.

Shawsheen head coach Bill Gordon, (27th year) said he likes what he sees when he watches the Rams practice. Gordon said, "We have a deep tradition of winning here. Shawsheen is a school that values hard work. I think we show that (hard work) on the ice."

Tim Scalley, a native of Tewksbury and captain of the Rams team, is expected to be a key player. Scalley has been a member of the varsity team for four years. The 5'9" forward is everything that Shawsheen Tech prides itself on.

"He is worker," said Gordon, who added Scalley finished with 11 points (5 G, 6 A) last season. "He is good in the corners, likes contact and is very effective when he has a very creative center working with him."

Scalley's on ice leadership will positively influence the rest of the Rams' team which is very young. Gordon will carry 20 players including three seniors, eight juniors, four sophomores and five freshmen. Gordon believes the key to this team is how fast it can grow up.

"We were young last year," said Gordon, adding, "And we are still quite young. But we are more experienced."

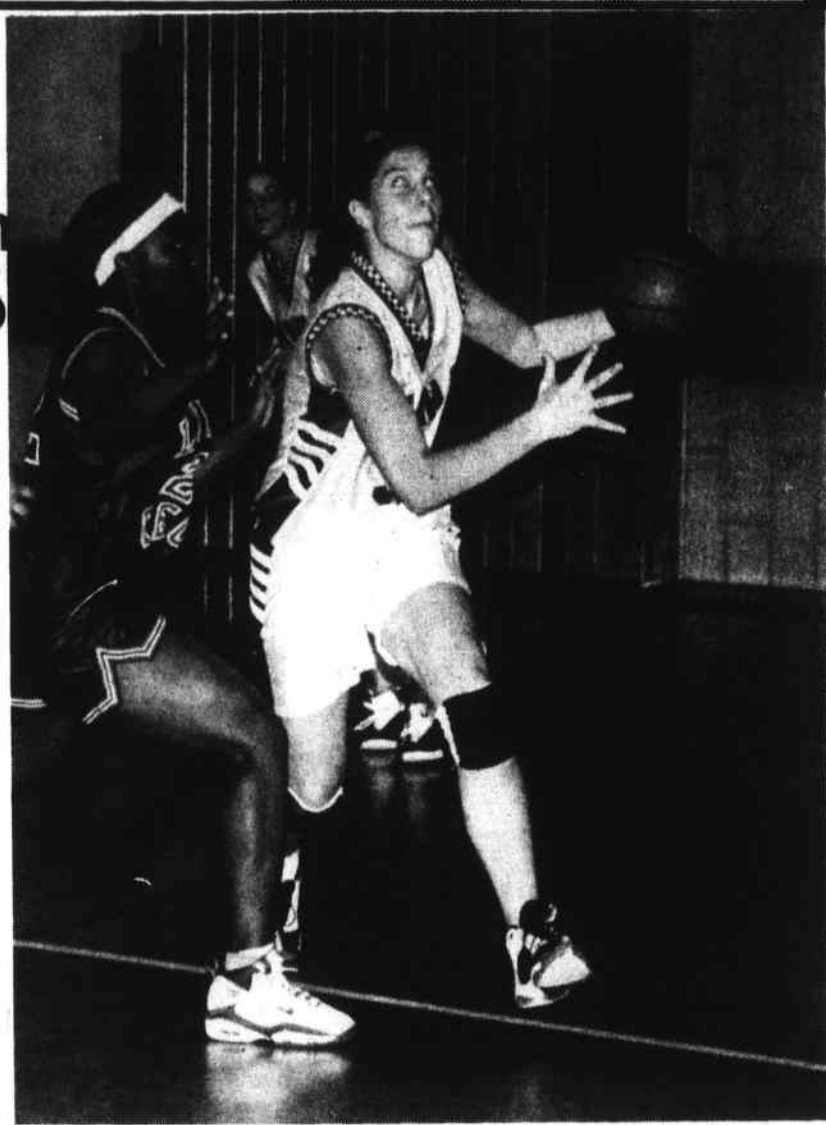
Scalley will lead by example on the ice but Wilmington's Brian Corcoran, who was recently elected a captain of the football team, should also be a leader. His presence for the moment will only be felt in the locker room.

"[Brian] broke his leg in the second to last football game," said Gordon. "We don't have him right now and he is our best defenseman."

Gordon added, "Scalley is not a ra-ra type of guy. I think Corcoran could be a key player. He has shown some leadership qualities and I think he has the potential to step up and be a huge presence in the locker room."

Corcoran most likely will not be able to skate for at least another couple of weeks. His injury has opened the doors for three freshman defensemen to come in and have an immediate impact.

Freshmen Bill McLean (Billerica), Brian Warden (Billerica) and John Marazzi will try and protect junior goaltender



ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, THE SHAWSHEEN GIRLS HOOP TEAM fell to Lynn Tech, 51-23. Pictured here is sophomore Ashley Morgado, of Wilmington, who dribbles to the net. (Photo by Joe Hakey).

Justin Brady (Wilmington) from opposing offenses.

"They are not ready to play but circumstances that we could not control has given them an [opportunity]," said Gordon, referring to Corcoran's injury. "They are going to contribute right from the get-go. That is extraordinary for a freshman to do."

Brady's play between the pipes could be the difference between a

"W" and a Loss for the Rams. Brady gained a lot of confidence by playing a lot of minutes last season. He will be the backbone of purple, white and black.

"He is the real deal," said Gordon. "Justin is going to see a lot of shots but I am real confident that he is going to handle it."

Brady's mere presence in the net should help the young defense relax. When Corcoran returns to the ice he will also become a calming influence for the younger players and take a lot of the pressure off of them.

Offensively, Gordon is confident the top two lines will be productive.

The Rams' first line will consist of junior center Keith Ganley (Billerica), Nick Dolan (Burlington) on the left side and Matt Matthews at the right wing.

"[Ganley] is our most skilled offensive player," said Gordon. "He is a good skater, a good passer and has a strong shot. He is a pretty complete package. He just lacks size (5'6")."

Gordon added, "Dolan (6'1") is a real good banger. He is tough in the corners and aggressive. Ganley is more of a creator and Dolan is more of a finisher."

Gordon said Matthews is probably the fastest player on the Rams' team.

The second line will be sophomore Andrew LaCombe (Burlington) at center, Scalley playing

right wing and Mike Aloisi (Burlington) on the left.

LaCombe should have a big year.

Gordon said LaCombe is the best young player he has ever seen at "seeing the ice" in fifteen years.

"He [LaCombe] is a really skilled kid," said Gordon. "He is really very different from what we normally see here."

Defensively the Rams will be led by the duo of Warden and third year letterman and junior Rich Ranucci.

As if having a young team that is sure to experience some ups and downs during the season is not enough, the Rams' season was made even tougher before the season began. As a member of the five team Commonwealth Athletic Conference, the Rams had to schedule almost 14 games with comprehensive schools.

Shawsheen is a technical school. "There is a different type of athlete that comes here than a comprehensive school," said Gordon. "Our schedule will be much stronger."

Still, the key games to watch look out for remain within the league. Shawsheen's most important games are against league foes, Northeastern, Minuteman and Tyngsboro.

Gordon said, "They are three very formidable league opponents. Our schedule is upgraded this year. But, then again, I think my team is as well."

Only time will tell how good the 2000-2001 Rams' team is going to be. Well, time and whether or not they can play themselves back into the tournament.

Boys' Hoop start season on right foot

By DAVID FLYNN
Sports Correspondent

Senior tri-captains Jim Dickinson (Billerica), Pat McLaughlin (Burlington) and Derek McLaren (Wilmington) are three reasons why the Shawsheen basketball team should feel confident heading into the 2000-2001 season.

Dickinson, a forward, and McLaughlin, a 6'4" center, were members of last seasons team that lost in the first round of the Tournament. The Rams' season ended with a solid 12-7 record.

Not only will Dickinson and McLaughlin be better than last year, McLaren is returning to the court after a year away from the game. McLaren adds depth and skill to the Rams team.

"He looks really good," said Shawsheen head coach Roger Bourgeois, of his starting guard, McLaren. "He took a year off and now he is back."

Bourgeois added, "I give him a lot of credit. He got himself focused and prepared to play [after a year off]."

The tri-captains will be asked to be positive leaders not only for the Rams' team but for the school and the community.

"I am expecting leadership from all three captains," said Bourgeois. "I am expecting leadership in school and the community. That is a true leader, not just a part time leader."

With high expectations on his captains, Bourgeois is also expecting a lot from other players as well.

Senior forward Chris Kerr (Billerica), senior guard Dave Fancy (Billerica) and junior guard/forward Mark Stewart (Wilmington) will be three of the six core players on the Rams' team.

Bourgeois is certain that the nucleus of the team consisting of Dickinson, McLaughlin, McLaren, Kerr, Fancy and Stewart will be enough to keep the Rams competitive this season.

"They are all expected to contribute to this team," said Bourgeois of his nucleus. "We don't expect them to miss a beat [when the season begins]. They will help us work guys slowly off the bench."

If there is one weakness to the Rams' team it is depth. Bourgeois is going to have a roster with players who are on the bubble JV/Varsity players. Still, Bourgeois thinks the newcomers can help the team.

"We are working hard and we are getting better," said Bourgeois of the Rams' squad. "Hopefully, we will continue to improve as the season goes

along."

A few players to watch are junior Dan Ronan (Billerica, senior forward Andy Gagnon (Tewksbury) and senior Tom Matheny (Tewksbury), who is a guard.

"They are all good kids and they are working hard," said Bourgeois of his backup players. "Their roles will continue to be defined as the season goes along."

Matt Coppi (Tewksbury) intrigues Bourgeois. At the moment he is still a fringe player but he is someone who should develop into a power forward and a good rebounder.

The key to the Rams' season will be the steady play from the nucleus of the team and the continued improvement from the younger and less experienced players.

The Rams' season opener took place Monday against Essex.

Shawsheen jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead in the first half before finishing with an impressive, 66-46 victory.

"It was a good start," said Bourgeois. "It was really balanced. We had 14 players in the scoring column."

McLaughlin and Ronan led Shawsheen with nine points each. Ronan's efforts in the victory were a pleasant surprise.

Bourgeois said, "He is one of those JV players from last year who you are hoping can contribute. He still has to develop against tougher opponents, but he is off to a good start."

The Rams took a 34-14 lead into the half and Essex was unable to shoot its way back in to the game.

Essex did cut the lead to 10 in the second, but the Rams responded and increased its lead to put the game out of range.

"It was a good effort," said Bourgeois. "We got everyone in the game."



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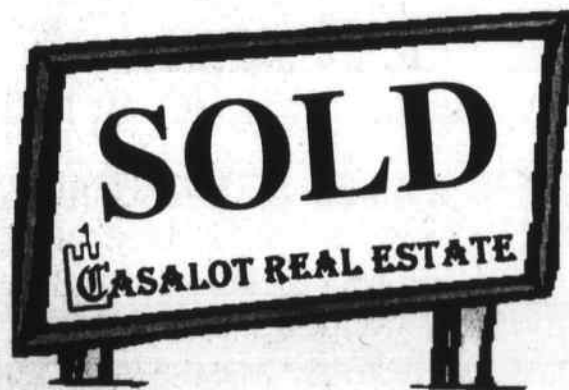
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Wildcats can't catch up to Tewksbury

The Wilmington Wildcats a team dropped a heart breaker Sunday at Ristuccia Arena to a tight up, Tewksbury team. Wilmington was a buzzing in the Tewksbury end throughout the contest but just couldn't catch the spark they needed.

The Wildcats got on the ice first as Dan Cushing scored a high hard wrist shot past the Tewksbury goalie. Picking up the action on the goal was Charles Barbaro. Tewksbury would score three unanswered goals to take a 3-1 lead.

Wilmington fought back when Charlie Gendron tapped in a rebound off of a Dan Cushing shot to cut the deficit by one. Wilmington pressed on till the buzzer sounded only to come up a little short, but not short on effort. Brendan Murphy performed outstanding in

net keeping the Wildcats withing striking distance.

Charles Barbaro, Jesse Rossetti, Paul Bruce and Sean Callahan played solid defense in front of Murphy. Ed Barrasso, Matt Kincaid, Kyle Creedon, Liam Gately, Matt Farrell, Danny McDougall and Colin Foley played and gave a super effort on both sides of the ice.

Wilmington 2 North Andover 1

Wilmington scratched and clawed their way to earn them selves a much deserved win. Monday night at the Merrimack Valley Forum. This game had all the action of a super hockey game.

The play was end to end from start to finish. Wilmington got all the goals they needed in the first period. Dan Cushing fired home the first goal off a great pass

from Jesse Rossetti. Charles Barbaro lit the lamp next when Brendan Murphy and Kyle Creedon dug the puck out from the corner and fed Barbaro in the slot, and Charles found the back of the cage to give the Wildcats the lead 2-0.

North Andover would score their only goal in the third period, but it was not enough as Wilmington's goalie Liam Gately saved just about every shot North Andover put on him. Gately frustrated the Knights at every turn stopping a whopping 18 shots and clearly earning the victory.

Jesse Rossetti, Paul Bruce, John O'Connell and Dan Cushing were outstanding on defense. Colin Foley, Dan McDougall, Ed Barrasso, Kyle Creedon, Matt Kincaid, Matt Farrell and Charlie Gendron played a solid two way hockey game.



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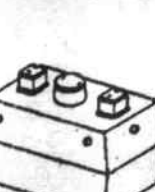
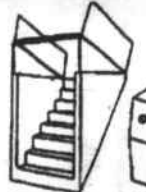
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Squirt IV's take on Chelmsford

The Tewksbury Squirt IV team, sponsored by The Weatherline of Tewksbury, took on Chelmsford in a Dual State League game this past Thursday night at Tyngsboro Skate 3 Arena.

Caught in a tough situation when his goalie was unable to make the game, Coach Neil Donahue resorted to rotating his players in net. Defenseman Steven Shainker started between the pipes was tested early. Steven, as well as every member of the team rose to the occasion and provided an outstanding defensive gem. The quick reaction and line changes by Assistant Coaches Steve Kelly and Malcolm Nichols kept the Redmen fresh and on their toes.

The defense of Shauna Sullivan, Ryan Ahearn, Kevin Tavares and then Shainker, only let Chelmsford get off a handful of shots. At 5:04 Center Billy Medugno won a face-off at the left circle and fed it to linemate Shawn Leonard.

While driving in Leonard then passed it back to Medugno who tallied number one for Tewksbury. Center Robbie Doe, returning from an injury, kept the pressure on along with forwards Chris Fowler, Derek Murphy and CJ Canto.

With 46 seconds left, Sully

let go with a blistering shot from the point that Winger Matt Donahue keenly tipped in. Ten seconds later Chelmsford answered with their only goal of the night, rebounding past a prone Shainker.

The second period saw Kevin Tavares take over in net. At 2 minutes Derek Murphy completed a Jeff Kelly play to make it 3-1. Kelly and Donahue combined again as they have all season, with Matt getting the goal at 4:18.

The face-off was won by Medugno who passed the puck between the Center's legs to CJ Canto, who picked it up and went in alone. CJ let go an awesome shot that the goalie just got a piece of. Chris Fowler was now in net, and turned away several shots, as did Tavares and Shainker before him.

The third stanza had Matt Donahue in goal. While battling in the neutral zone, Ahearn dug one out and passed to Leonard. Shawn then made a textbook drive and finished it with his first goal of the game.

With Ahearn in goal, Tewksbury continued with outstanding team defense played by both forwards and defensemen alike. This total team effort brought their season record, so far, to 16-4-0, with 8 shutouts.

Dynamic baseball school offered by Reading

The instructors of The Reading Baseball School have announced the details of this winter's programs. The Reading Baseball School, sponsored by The Reading Recreation Department, is this area's most popular baseball instructional program for boys and girls of ages six to 13. This winter, we offer four exciting programs: a Pitching School, Sunday Sunrise Hitting Sessions, our popular February Vacation School and our annual week-end Mini-School.

Pitching School: This is a five hour program where players will be taught the proper mechanics of pitching, including correct grip, tuck position, stride, arm action, leg drive, release and follow through. Proper warm-up exercises and pitching drills are designed to help young pitchers throw with greater velocity and control, without injury to the arm. The Pitching school is offered on four consecutive Sunday mornings from 8 to 10:15 at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School. Players may choose either Session I: January 7, 14, 21, 28 or Session II: February 4, 11, 18, 25.

Sunday Sunrise Hitting Sessions: This is intensive hitting instruction for players ages seven to 13. Players will be divided into small groups by age, and receive comprehensive and individualized instruction in the mechanics of hitting. The program is designed to increase each player's ability to hit the ball harder, more consistently, and with greater proper bat selection, grip, stance, stride, swing and follow through. Players will perform numerous drills that teach proper bat speed,

balance, stride, use of top hand, use of bottom hand, follow through and how to: hit the high pitch, low pitch, pull the ball and hit to the opposite field.

These are the same proven drills that Reading High School players learn and use so successfully. There are four, four day sessions to choose from, all on Sunday mornings; Session I: January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 8 to 9; Session II: January 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10:30 to 11:30; Session III: February 4, 11, 18, 25 from 8 to 9; Session IV: February 4, 11, 18, 25 from 10:30 to 11:30. All sessions are at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

February Vacation School: This school will provide 10 hours of intensive instruction in the proper baseball fundamentals and mechanics. Players will improve specific baseball skills through drills, videotape sessions, and demonstrations. Emphasis will be placed on individual instruction and improvement.

Players will be divided into small groups by age and ability and will engage in activities appropriate for their specific needs. Instruction will be in hitting, throwing, fielding, infield play, outfield play, pitching, catching and base running. The majority of the instruction time will focus on hitting, where players

will get as many as 1,000 swings. The hitting instruction is based on the demonstration and practice of proven hitting drills effective for beginning through advanced players.

The February Vacation School will be offered from Monday, Feb. 19 through Friday, Feb. 23. Players can choose from Session I: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or Session II: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hawkes Field House, Reading High School.

Reading Baseball Mini-School: This is our 18th annual weekend Mini-School, which includes four hours of instruction in hitting, throwing, fielding, infield play, outfield play, pitching, and base running.

The program is conducted similar to the February Vacation School, but in a condensed form, and serves as a great warm-up for the upcoming baseball season. The Mini-School is offered Saturday, March 10 and Sunday, March 11. Choose either Session A: Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. and Sunday 9-11; or Session B: Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hawkes Field House, Reading.

At all of our programs, we believe that youngsters need frequent practice and repetition of baseball skills. Our daily schedule of drills and activities is designed to make each player an active and constant participant throughout each session.

The Reading Baseball School provides first rate facilities and equipment. The Hawkes Field House Facilities include batting cages, pitching machines, indoor pitching mound, bat speed machine, Solo Hitter, InstructoSwing, and videotape equipment. Our goal is to help each youngster improve, gain confidence, and have fun.

The school's director, Pete Moscardiello, Varsity Coach at Reading High School and the staff is the same group of coaches who has led the Reading High School Baseball

Teams to many years of success. At the school, players will do the same drills and learn the same fundamentals that we teach Reading High's players each spring.

Former Reading Baseball School attendees have gone on to excellent careers at area high schools such as Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Melrose, Winchester, Burlington, Woburn, Lexington, Wilmington, Lynnfield, North Reading, Medford and others. Many have continued on to play college ball and some have even played professional ball! So join us and learn the same pitching, hitting and defensive techniques as many of the area's most successful players!

Additional high school coaches are added to insure a supervisor-player ratio of 4-1 or better. Enrollment is limited at all programs. For more information or to receive an application, call Pete Moscardiello at 781-942-1362.

WHS Wrestling Schedule

12/13	vs Hamilton-Wenham	6:30 pm
12/16	Sons of Italy Tourney at WHS	10:00 am
12/20	vs N. Andover	6:30 pm
12/23	at Burlington	10:00 am
12/27	at North Reading, Tyngsboro	10:00 am
12/28	at Georgetown Holiday Tourney	8:00 am
12/30	at Lowell Holiday Tourney	TBA
1/3	vs St. John's Prep	6:30 pm
1/6	at Haverhill Invitational	TBA
1/11	vs Masconomet	6:30 pm
1/13	at Mt. Anthony Tournament	weekend event
1/19	at Reading	7:00 pm
1/20	at Lowell team tournament	10:00 am
1/26	at Pentucket	6:30 pm
1/27	at Woburn-tri-meet	10:00 am
1/31	vs Georgetown	10:00 am
2/3	at CAL Open-Georgetown	10:00 am
2/7	vs Haverhill	6:30 pm
2/10+2/11	at Div 3 Sectionals	TBA
2/16+2/17	at Div 3 States - Wayland	TBA
2/24	at All-States (Franklin)	TBA
3/2+3/3	at New England (Pinkerton, NH)	TBA

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 2, 2001 at 8:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #00-28 dated December 8, 2000, submitted on December 8, 2000 by Mark Burns, Charles River Laboratories, 251 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 251 Ballardvale Street and shown on Assessor's Map R2 Parcels 24, 24A & 25. This application is for the proposed construction of a 60,000 square foot building to house research animals. A portion of the parking will be constructed beneath the building. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Scott Garratt, Chair
Wilmington
Planning Board

D13,20;1844

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 20, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by PGA Realty Trust c/o Peter Crocker, 565 Turnpike Street, Suite 80, North Andover, MA 01845, applicant; D.I.V. Upton LLC, c/o The Davis Companies, 1 Appleton Street, Boston, MA 02116, owner. The applicant is proposing to install a 30 foot concrete culvert in an existing drainage easement which is within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 205, 33 Upton Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair
Conservation Commission

D13;1839

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION DOCKET NO. 00P5569G1 GUARDIANSHIP MENTALLY ILL WITHOUT SURETIES NOTICE

To Joseph Walters of Tewksbury in said county and his heirs apparent or presumptive: A Petition has been filed in the above-captioned matter alleging that Joseph Walters is a mentally ill person saying that Richard Bevins of Andover in the County of Essex or some suitable person be appointed his guardian; for court authorization to treat with any psychiatric medication(s) in accordance with a treatment plan - for court authorization to admit or commit to a mental health or mental institution facility.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge, on or before December 22, 2000.

WITNESS, SHEILA E. McGOVERN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, Massachusetts, the TWENTIETH day of NOVEMBER in the year of our Lord Two Thousand.

Lee G. Johnson, Register
of Probate Court

D13;1817

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF HEALTH

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Health has received an application from Bryan Mason requesting a permit to Practice Massage Therapy at Rapha Angelic Spa, 1875 Main St. Any person wishing to provide testimony on this application shall submit said testimony in writing to the Board of Health Office within 10 days of this advertisement.

Susan Sullivan
Chairman

D13;1845

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

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James Morris, Chair
Conservation Commission

D13;1840

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 2, 2001 at 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #00-26 dated November 16, 2000, submitted on December 4, 2000 by Joseph Langone, Northeastern Development Corp., 20 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887. Said property is located at 102 Lowell Street and shown on Assessor's Map 40 Parcel 171. This application is for the proposed construction of a 2,700 square foot office building. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Scott Garratt, Chair
Wilmington
Planning Board

D13,20;1834

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARINGS

Case 1-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of 100 West Street, Wilmington Ltd. Partnership, c/o Robert Peterson, Esq., 314 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 6, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A.

Case 2-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of 100 West Street, Wilmington Ltd. Partnership, c/o Robert Peterson, Esq., 314 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a variance from Sec. 5.2.5 to construct an office building within the required side and rear yard setback at 100 West Street and abutting parcels. Map 71 Parcel 3, 4 & 5.

Case 3-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 3, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A.

dance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 7, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A.

Case 4-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 6, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A.

Case 5-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 6, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A.

Case 6-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 4, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A.

Case 7-2001

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 2, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Fred Shaw, c/o Daniel Brown, Esq., P.O. Box 426, Wilmington, MA 01887, to acquire a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 5.3.4 for a hammerhead lot for property located on Lot 3, 462-464 Middlesex Avenue. Map 86 Parcel 17 & 17A.

Wilmington
Board of Appeals

D13,20;1838

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



BOARD OF APPEALS

Public hearing will be held at the Tewksbury Town Hall on December 28, 2000 beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the following applications:

LEGAL NOTICE

7:30 P.M. Joseph J. and Naomi O. Canolara, for a special permit under Chapter 40A Section 6 Finding of the ZBL to demolish existing structure, and propose to construct a new 40' x 30' colonial with 24' x 24' garage with family room above. Premises located at 1533 Whipple Road, Assessor's Map 56, Lot 193, zoned Residential.

7:35 P.M. Northeast Refrigerated Distributing Co., for a variance from the requirements of Section 5.3.4.c of the ZBL for a firewater storage tank and pumping facility. Premises located at 1650 Shawheen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 4, 5, 25, zoned Heavy Industrial.

7:40 P.M. Pace Family Trust, owner of record, Pace Family Trust M.L. Allen and M.R. Nocco Tr., for a variance from the requirements of Section 5 Paragraph 3.4.c of the ZBL. Also for a special permit under Chapter 40A Section 6 Finding of the ZBL, to remove the existing house and construct a new house. Premises located at 20 Pace Road, Assessor's Map 97, Lot 22, zoned Residential.

7:45 P.M. Luigi Colucciello, Jr. Trs., owner of record, Luigi and J. Colucciello for a variance from the requirements of Section 5 Paragraph 3 Footnote (1) of the ZBL for storage of supplies. Premises located at 1585 Shawheen Street, Assessor's Map 112, Lot 75, zoned Heavy Industrial.

7:50 P.M. Dennis Sullivan, owner of record, Dennis M. and Marcia D. Sullivan for a variance from the requirements of Section 4.6.a.5 Note 8 and 5.3.4.a and 5.3.8 of the ZBL for a 1424 square foot addition. Premises located at 60 Glenwood Avenue, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 219, zoned Residential.

7:55 P.M. Kimberly and Kenneth M. Staskiewicz, for a variance from the requirements of Section 5 Paragraph 3.4.a of the ZBL to add a second story and cover the existing steps with a roof for residential use. Premises located at 1448 Whipple Road, Assessor's Map 56, Lot 27, zoned Residential.

Tewksbury
Board of Appeals

D13,20;1835

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 20, 2000 after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Mary A. Glennon & Danny J. VanRoosendaal, 10 Great Neck Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, applicants; Danny J. VanRoosendaal, owner. The applicant is proposing to construct a deck at the rear of the dwelling. This work is within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 86 Parcel 8, 10 Great Neck Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair
Conservation Commission

D13;1841

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT MIDDLESEX, SS DIVISION DOCKET NO. 00P5740EP

Estate of Paul F. Lecaroz late of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex.

NOTICE

A Petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that a certain Instrument purporting to be the will of said deceased may be proved and allowed and that Walter C. Collins of Tewksbury in the County of Middlesex be appointed executor without giving surety on his bond(s).

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge, on or before 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon on December 26, 2000.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petitions, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objections are based, within (30) days after return day (or such time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, SHEILA E. McGOVERN, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, Massachusetts, the twenty-ninth day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand.

Lee G. Johnson, Register
of Probate Court

D13;1836

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON



CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, December 20, 2000 after 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by John & Kerry White, 37 Boutwell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, applicants; John & Kerry White, 37 Boutwell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 & Louis J. & Maureen Cavallaro, 49 Boutwell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, owners. The applicants are proposing to install a water line within the 100 foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands, as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessor's Map 19 Parcel 31A & 35B, 49 Boutwell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

James Morris, Chair
Conservation Commission

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION METROPOLITAN BOSTON/NORTHEAST REGION BUREAU OF RESOURCE PROTECTION WATER POLLUTION CONTROL 205A LOWELL STREET WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01887

TEL (978) 661-7600 Pursuant to Chapter 21, Section 43 of the General Laws, and Regulations 314 CMR 7 and 2.06, notice is given of the following application for sewer connection permit and the action the Department proposes to take:</

Cavs double up on Warriors

Junior Division

Cavs	42
Warriors	20

The Cavs beat the Warriors on Saturday, led by Ethan Marsh's aggressive rebounding and blocked shots. The offense was keyed by strong offensive effort from Jim Mazzapica with 12 points. Sean Teel added 10 points, 8 of those in the first quarter.

Both squads were strong on both ends of the court with good rebounding and passing. Brian O'Keefe was also strong with 6 points. Sean Lakeman started the team off with the first bucket of the game and Chris Heintz chipped in with 2 points. The Cavs won this game by playing team ball.

Lakers	27
Kings	7

In a tight game dominated by defense, the Lakers pulled away from the Kings in the fourth quarter for a 27-7 win. The score was tied at the half and only 4 points separated the two teams after 3 quarters. Tyler Flaherty paced the Lakers with 10 points and Ryan Sughrue contributed 5. Chase Bartrum played outstanding interior defense for the Lakers and lead all rebounders.

The Kings were led by Dan McDermott with 4 points and Evan White with 3. Jeff Quilty and Kerin Foley were terrific on defense for the Kings with several steals each.

In a defensive struggle, the Hoyas were able to improve to 2-1 on the year. They were lead offensively by Mark Perry, Joe

Killion and Brendan McElroy with 4 points each. Kevin Pitts hit the game winning shot with just under a minute left in the game.

The defense was lead by Derek Steen, Shiv Patel and Chris Carney. The Hoyas forced many turnovers and were able to hold off the Devils in the final seconds of the game.

Raptors	32
Sixers	26

The Raptors beat the Sixers 32-26, led by the defense of Gregory Kelly, Michael Willey, and Anthony Miano. The Sixers' late 4th quarter rally wasn't enough to overcome the Raptors' lead. The attempted comeback was sparked by the 2nd half offense of Anthony Garcia, 4 points, and Scott Oberg with 8 points. James Melloni and Tyler Stewart had good defensive games for the Sixers.

Intermediate Division

Sonics	49
Friars	33

In a tightly contested first half, the Sonics led only 18 to 16.

The Sonics came out in the third quarter with a full court press that opened the game up for them. Tyler McCarthy had 7 of his game high 13 points in the third quarter and was helped out with six key points from Kyle Monico and good passing as well as defense from Corey Frasca.

In the fourth quarter the Friars came out with their own full court press but six points from Sonics Jimmy Hughes was enough to hold off the comeback effort. Mike Capuano and Mike Rowe helped this effort with solid games on the boards. Patrick Morrissey and Mark Cardarelli were the high

scorers for the Friars. Dave D'Entremont and Joe Dogherty also contributed offensively.

The Friars got outstanding defense from their guards as both Morrissey and Dogherty caused many turnovers.

Pistons	58
Nets	15

The Pistons potent offense was at it again hitting on all cylinders to defeat the Nets for their 3rd straight win and undefeated status this season. Josh Coakley led the Pistons with 16 points while Joe Coakley added 10 pts, 6 assists and 2 steals to keep a constant pressure on the Nets.

Defensive prowess by Steve Foley and Dean Sheehan caused several turnovers via tough press defense creating several key turnovers. All around unselfish play and sharp passing along with a great effort from Ben Judge, 12 rebounds, and an energetic outing from Matt Bruno coming off the bench, highlighted the game for the Pistons.

The Nets were led by outstanding three point plays by Scott Peters and Eric Farnkoff. Neal Roberts and Ryan Mattson played excellent defensive games to keep them in the hunt. The Nets put up an outstanding game worthy of their fans appreciation but couldn't out-horsepower the Pistons offensive engine.

In a game that matched two undefeated teams, the Hornets used an aggressive team defense to defeat the Bulls in probably the toughest game of the day. The Bulls took a 16 to 11 lead but the Hornets came back to take a 1 point lead at the half, 31-30.

Continuing on in the 3rd quarter the Hornets extended the lead to 13. In the 4th, the Bulls closed to within 6 but couldn't get any closer. Jason Montes had 22 points for the Hornets and 15 rebounds while Timmy Scanlon added 8 points and 12 rebounds.

Chris Versakis and Chris Jelly earned defensive honors for a valiant game effort. The Bulls were led by Robert Trayah's 15 points while Robert Tanso added 8 before fouling out in the second half. Jeff Magee and David Barbato had 6 points each. The Bulls defense was led by fiery efforts from James Moody and Mike Pazzanese.

Jazz	12
Eagles	29

The Jazz picked up a solid win with a good defensive game. The two teams played evenly in the 1st quarter before the Jazz took off and built a 15 to 20 point lead for most of the 2nd half. Once again the Jazz were led by Chris Bruno with a triple double (18 points, 15 rebounds, 11 assists) and timely shooting and rebounding from Benson Mbuguah, who had 5 points, 8 assists, and 5 offensive rebounds. Donnie Mackenzie added 4 blocks and 12 defensive rebounds.

Justin Sharifi and Brian Alloway put in key defensive games and Justin Illsley led the way with sound man to man defensive play. For the Eagles, Kyle Greene came on strong in the 4th quarter to score all of his 9 points earning their top scoring honors. Eric Webb

was strong on offense by scoring eight points. Alex Barbosa played solid positional defense and pulled down several rebounds while Ben Graham worked hard to disrupt the Jazz offensive flow in the first quarter seeming to be everywhere.

The Eagles had to work hard to get the proverbial lid off the hoop and score some points near the end of the game.

Nuggets	57
Heat	39

An enormous team-wide defensive effort in the second quarter proved to be too much for the Heat and was the major factor in the Nuggets third win and undefeated status this season. Outscoring the Heat 15 to 1 in the second quarter gave the Nuggets a 24 point halftime lead. Mike Parcella had 2 big baskets and Brian Baptista was big down low, out-rebounding everybody by head and shoulders. Shane Riddle out hustled everyone and added 6 points.

The team played well in the absence of Coach Sullivan and the Nuggets say 'get well soon'. Michael Perry was the Heat's outstanding player of the game with 13 points and 7 steals. Scott Shugrue led the team with 14 rebounds while adding 6 points. Billy McKenna scored 8 and Sean Nunes got his first points of the season going 2 for 4 from the free throw line. The Heat put together a good second half as they found some heart and won each of the last two quarters making the second half exciting but never closing any significant ground.

Senior Division	
Rockets	66
Pacers	29



THE TEWKSBURY BOYS UNDER 10 COSMO SOCCER TEAM COMPLETED a successful soccer season this fall. Shown here are: kneeling, Andrew Kilfoyle; middle row, Asst. Coach Steve Walsh, Frankie Chiara, Ron Savistano, Ethan Marsh, Coach Kevin Rose; back Nick Mann, George Barnes, Nick Rose, Evar Walsh, Cory O'Brien, and Joe Napolitano. End of the year party at B.K. in Tewksbury.

Huskies	51
Blazers	19

This was a game won by the big men up front. The lead changed several times during the game. The Huskies got 28 points from its centers and forward. The lead scorer was Matt Hirsh forward with 12 points. Jon Buehler and Andy Lieghton both scored 8 points each. Chris Alikonis was strong on the boards and defensive play. Other contributors with strong two way play were Brian

Ford, Kevin Bruce, and Dave Reichert with several fast break points.

Bucks	46
Twolves	47

The Bucks win and jump to 3-0 on the year, despite not playing their best game. Steve McGinnis and John Papp save the game for Bucks after Tony Amaral, Mike Williams, and Dan Westaway all fouled out. The Bucks have a big game next week versus the Hawks for first place.

Hawks	38
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Bulls	35
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Tenacious team defense with timely outside shooting led the Hawks to a closely contested win over the Bulls. On offense Joe Ballway led the way with a game high 16 points while Greg DeCelle, Dan Desmond and Brett Anderson chipped in with 6 points a piece. On the defensive end, Rob Borden, Pat Kelly, Jason Knight, Cole Angelis, Bobby DiLorenzo and Justin Cardarelli all made outstanding contributions.

Lightning hoop team playing strong

Wilmington 27 - Billerica 24

The Wilmington 6B Blue Lightning Girls Basketball team traveled to Billerica last Saturday for a repeat performance. From the opening tip-off both teams played an extremely aggressive basketball game.

Each team demonstrated a relentless press that took both teams time to adjust and finally open up the scoring. The referees called an extremely tight, but fair game. Each team battled up and down the court with the girls repeatedly forcing numerous turnovers.

Jill Manganelli, Danielle Robarge, and Sarah McMahon were stopping most everything coming up the court.

Wilmington finally started to break the effective Billerica full-court press with improved passing, but their shots just would not fall through the hoop. Christina Luciano and Alyssa Brown battled beneath the hoops to maintain possession of the ball.

Nicole Nihan and Casey Godzyk continually probed the Billerica defense for open seams while Katie Cole maintained the role of team leader in the point guard position.

As the team kept its composure, Blue Lightning finally

struck as Brianne Bozzelli stepped up and dropped in four consecutive buckets. The half time lead stood at Wilmington 18 - Billerica 7.

In the second half, the aggressive play of Wilmington was tempered by fouls with four key players in foul trouble. The girls continued to play with determination and remained with the game plan. Blue Lightning's play showed they were a team with spirit. Brianne Bozzelli lead the effort with 14 points and three assists as they won their second consecutive game and extended their record to 2 wins and 1 loss.

Scoring for the Blue Lightning were Bozzella (14), Brown (8), Luciano (3) and one each for Cole and Manganelli.

Wilmington 40 Ham-Wenham 25

On Sunday the Blue Lightning played its first home game against Hamilton-Wenham at Wilmington High School. The players applied strong defensive pressure from the start.

Forwards Jill Manganelli, Sarah McMahon and Casey Godzyk kept Hamilton-Wenham at distant with the full-court press while Alyssa Brown and Christina Luciano aggressively controlled the boards.

Katie Cole, Danielle Robarge, and Brianne Bozzella kept

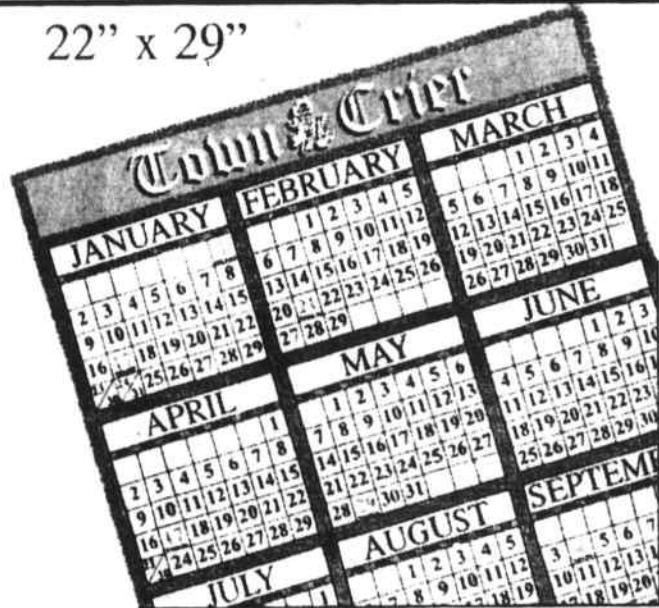
the offense moving and everyone contributed at both ends of the court. With both teams running hard, the half closed quickly with the score Wilmington 24 and H-W 12.

In the second half, Blue Lightning continued to disrupt the H-W offense past half court. Nicole Nihan and Brooke Langone came up with several tough plays. Katie Cole and Brianne Bozzella provided great ball handling and routinely broke the H-W full-court press. Colleen Carroll and Jessica Stira both out with injuries cheered the players on.

Wilmington managed a couple of fast breaks and with some timely turnovers, Blue Lightning opened up the game, maintained control and won by 15 points. Scoring for the Blue Lightning were Brown (10), Bozzella (8), Cole (6), Godzyk (4), Langone (4), and two each for Luciano, Manganelli, Nihan, and Robarge.

The Wilmington Blue Lightning's win/loss record now stands at 2-0 in the River Valley Jr. High Girls Basketball League (6C1 Division) and 3-1 overall. The team's next scheduled game is Sunday (1PM - 17 December) at the Wilmington High School Gym against Triton.

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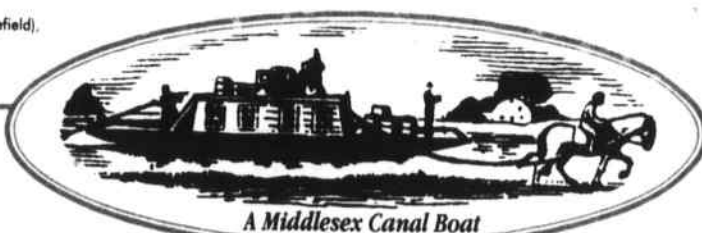
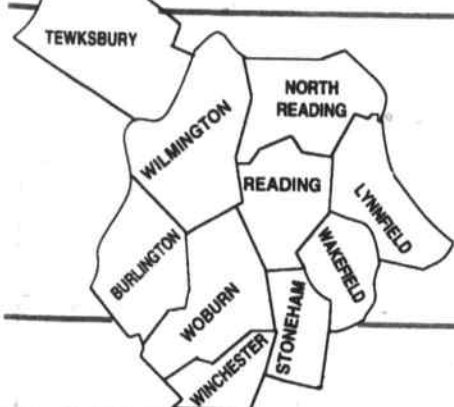
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TIM AND KAREN O'NEIL look affectionately at photos of their newborn quadruplets still too small to allow photographers into the hospital nursery. At birth Ryan Joseph weighed 2lb-4 ozs., Kaitlyn Delaney was 1lb-5 1/2 ozs., Jessica Flynn was 2lb-5ozs. and Kevin Delaney, the last born was 2lb-3 1/2 ozs.

(Photo by Don Young)

The O'Neil Quadruplets

It was a cold day in November, November 20th to be exact, when Reading's population jumped by four citizens. The O'Neil Quadruplets were born a few months early at 27.2 weeks gestation. Most quadruplets are born around 30 weeks, so the O'Neils, Tim and Karen were not surprised by the early labor. They were informed about the multiple pregnancy on July 3rd, 2000. At first they thought it would be twins. They had just bought a new Toyota Camry. Not big enough though - the O'Neils need a mini van now - preferably one with two - sided door openings and four car seats.

Karen was born in Boston, but grew up near Hershey, Pennsylvania with a family of four brothers and sisters. Her Mom will come for two months when the babies come home to Reading. Tim's parents are nearby in Woburn.

The happy couple sees their biggest hurdle as being the health of their four babies.

"Three of the babies, Kevin, Jessica and Ryan are stable and

have needed less care in the neonatal unit at MGH, but Kaitlin is still on a roller coaster health-wise," Dad Tim said. All have dealt with PDA, an opened heart - lung valve which is a

result of premature birth.

"They have another two weeks before they're out of the woods. The babies are a good size and now, development at 14 weeks reveals some expected undeveloped lung problems - common in preemies. They are 14, 15, 13 3/4 and 12 1/2 inches long. They don't have much fat on them for 33 inches of baby," expressed Karen. "Ryan is growing eyebrows! Kaitlin is the size of six sticks of butter!"

"Their skin is absolutely gorgeous!" Tim says. "I got to hold them before I left the hospital and then again this week."

O'Neil to S-4

Woodchips

ANTHONY MANCONI

Well here we go again. The U.S. Postage Stamps will cost 34 cents each soon, BUT my friend George Gould isn't worried about it at all. He is buying 3 hundred dollars worth of the 33 cents stamps before they go up to 34 cents. Well Folks it makes CENTS to me.

One of the organizations I have the greatest respect for is the Shriners. The members support many free hospitals for children like the Burns Hospital in Boston. The members don't brag or seek publicity. They donate their time, money and energy because they are naturally GREAT people.

Wayne Higden told me he listens to Paul Harvey and the News every day. Wayne told me, "he mentions the Chipper in the 'What it's worth part of his program.'" "Well Wayne said, 'Chipper, your CHIPS and Jokes are worth NOTHING to me.'"

Folks Kathy and I walk on Revere Beach almost every day. You can't miss us. Kathy is Bowlegged and I'm Knock-kneed so as we are walking toward you we look like two Quotations Marks.

Do you like to solve puzzles well here's one, I have two coins total 55 cents. One of them, is not a nickel-what are they?

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My Uncle John Shea told me years ago, "Chipper never worry or despair remember the mighty Oak Tree was once a 'NUT' Like you."

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World of Wheels to S-4

About The Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

Wilmington

"Deputy Chief Bernard Nally has been named the new Chief of the Wilmington Police Department," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"Deputy Nally, a 32-year veteran of the Wilmington police force, will replace Bobby N. Stewart who will retire in January. The two men will continue to work together over the transition period.

"Aside from confirming that he had indeed been named Chief of Police, Deputy Nally elected to wait until after the formal announcement before he comments about his new promotion....

"Lieutenant Robert Spencer has been named to the position of Deputy Chief."

Tewksbury

"Ricky Williams, 9, became the 75,000th child to participate in the Massachusetts Masonic Child Life Identification Program (CHIP) since it began in 1966," notes the "Tewksbury Town Crier."

"Ricky and his six-year-old brother, Ryan, visited the CHIP event that was held in conjunction with the Shrine Rodeo at the Aleppo Shrine Auditorium in Wilmington. Ricky and Ryan are the sons of Charles and Bonnie Williams of Tewksbury.

"This CHIP program was conducted by members of Beth Horan Lodge of Masons in cooperation with the Massachusetts Dental Society, the Wilmington Police Department and the Aleppo Temple Shriners.

"When the program began in 1996, children were interviewed on videotape and their fingerprint impressions were taken by

Police news: the long and short of it

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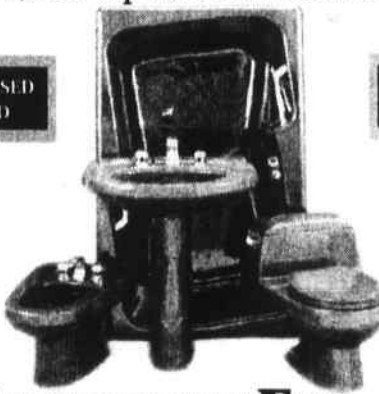
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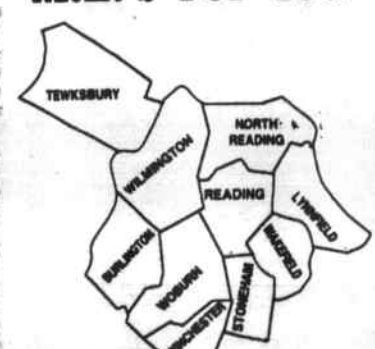
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O'Neil From S-1

Karen says "They have dark hair and dark eyes - just so beautiful." The babies are in good shape because Karen has been seeing a nutritionist from early on in the pregnancy. She looks great for a mom who has just had four babies three weeks ago.

Karen developed Toxemia with the babies in utero and the team decided to take the babies and not put either them or Karen at risk. She tried medication to stop the contractions, but it didn't work. The birth weights are incredible. Ryan Joseph, born first, weighed 2 lb 4 oz, Kaitlin Delaney born second, weighed 1

lb 5 1/2 oz, Jessica Flynn, born third, weighed 2 lb 5 oz, and Kevin Delaney, born last, weighed 2 lb 3 1/2 oz. All have gained weight since their births on both mother's milk and a special premie formula with extra calories. They eat every four hours, and Tim has been the primary caretaker since Karen has been laid up with complications from her Cesarean section. The babies were showing signs of being born on Sunday, November 19th. Karen woke up "just not feeling well." She went into Mass General for monitoring on Sunday evening and by Monday at 5 PM the doctors had decided to do no more than continue monitoring her for a couple of days. By 5:30 PM they told her the babies would be born within 24 hours. By 8 PM, the team of doctors decided to take the

babies. By 9:30 PM she was rolled into the operating room. By 9:50 PM they made the incision and by 10:00 PM Tim and Karen were the proud, but slightly shocked parents of two boys and two girls. A team of 23 in the operating room assisted with the births. Tim watched as they cut the umbilical cords, and they whisked the babies out of the operating room. Karen caught a quick look through the bassinets.

What do they need and what do they have so far? They have a three bedroom, two story house with an attached in-law apartment. Great for now since Karen can't take stairs for a while. They plan on renovations for the nursery during Christmas week and hope to have volunteers ready to man the feeding, changing and rocking stations when the babies come home around February 20th, 2001.

They have two cribs, four bassinets, two changing tables and two bouncy chairs and two car seats. A friend of Karen's from Oakland Park Child Care Center in Medford gave them two infant feeding tables built for four and six babies. They have not had a baby shower yet, but just want to be sure the babies make it home healthy. They plan a big party later on when the babies come home. Managing the babies schedules, and their own, is going to be the toughest task ahead of them. Luckily, Karen is the oldest of four and the quadruplets are her parents' first grandchildren. Tim is the younger of nine and the babies make 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th grandchildren for his mom and dad. Grandparent honors are extended to Joseph and Joan O'Neil and Patricia and George Delaney Jr. Great grand-parent congratulations are extended to Ellen and George Delaney Sr. and Lorraine Flynn.

Their social worker said that in twenty five years of advising parents of multiple births, she has no doubt they are the perfect candidates. They have both a great sense of humor and a great sense of calmness. They didn't even want to know the sexes of the babies because they wanted the surprise factor. And a surprise it was said Karen, "It's a boy... it's a girl... it's a girl... it's a boy."

They are people who like their privacy, so the whole pregnancy has been under wraps until now. I will respect their privacy by not revealing their home address.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by Reading Rotary, is scheduled for Monday, December 18th at the Reading Municipal Light Department in Reading at 230 Ash Street from 3 to 8 PM. Give the gift of life for the babies. Ryan, Kaitlyn, Jessica and Kevin have needed a lot of blood since their birth. The supplies are very low. Their Dad asks if you can help them by giving blood in their names.

Middlesex East Sports Athletes & Activities

BY PAUL FEELY

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA QUESTION: For a while in the 1960s, the Dodgers had a starting infield of all switch hitters. Can you name these four players? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

WOBURN'S TONY JOHN-SON, a freshman defenseman for the Merrimack College men's ice hockey team, was a busy man this weekend. On Friday he scored an assist on the game-winning goal against Niagara, while on Saturday he scored a goal in a 2-1 win over the same team.

NORTH READING HIGH SCHOOL will once again play host for the annual Girl's Basketball Holiday Tournament featuring Varsity teams from Reading, Austin Prep, North Reading and Saugus. The semifinals, featuring games between Austin Prep and Saugus, and Reading vs. North Reading, take place on Friday, December 29,

If you would like to help the O'Neil Quadruplets as a volunteer, by purchasing a gift or by making a donation you can call Father Tom Conway, the Pastor of St. Athanasius Church. Leave a message on his voice mail at 781-944-0330 x 14. Volunteers will be compiling a list of those willing to help this young couple in some small way at a miraculous time in their lives. An account will be set up at The Danvers Savings Bank, 37 Harnden Street, Reading, 01867 for the O'Neil Quadruplets for a mini-van, four college funds, four computers or carriages, car seats or for whatever they might need in the future. And say a four little prayers for all of them in this wonderful holiday season.

World of Wheels From S-3

Show hours are 5-11 pm on Friday, January 5, 10am - 11 pm on Saturday, January 6 and 10 am to 9 pm on Sunday, January 7. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$4 for children 4-12 and free for kids under 4. Bayside Expo Center is reached by car off Exit 15 of the Southeast Expressway (I-93).

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THE ICE PALACE IN BURLINGTON will be offering free Learn to Ice Skate lessons for toddlers on Monday, December 18 at 10:20 am and on Tuesday, December 19 at 1 pm. The half-hour lessons will be taught by the Bay State Blades, who specialize in skating instructions for toddlers and will be open for children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 6. Space is limited. No previous skating experience is necessary. Ice skates and helmets will be provided on a first-come, first served basis. To reserve a space for the lesson, call the Bay State Blades office at 781-871-7681.

WILMINGTON'S SHAUN HAUBNER, a sophomore at Curry College, was named the Western New England Male Athlete of the Week last week, after scoring three goals and an assist for four points in wins over Nichols and Suffolk.

The Boston Sports Club at the Colonial is offering group Swim Lessons for children ages six months to 14 years and of all abilities. The next seven week session of swim lessons will begin January 8. Registration for members begins December 11, and for non-members December 14 after 10 am. Classes are offered four mornings and five afternoons a week. Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the club at 781-246-7500 and ask for Patti. Adult swim lessons begin the same week, and run for four weeks.

Need some clues to help out with the above-mentioned trivia question? One player was Wes Parker.

The **ALPENHOF SKI CLUB** invites new members to apply for membership. Membership is open to skiing youth in Stoneham and the surrounding towns. In order to join, you must be present with a parent at this meeting. Your parent must sign your membership application and supply your health insurance number for emergency use. Your parent must sign your membership application and supply your health insurance number for emergency use. Membership in the club is open to anyone in grades 7 through 12 in any local school. Stoneham, Melrose, Reading and Wakefield are a few of the towns represented in the club. The club is open to skiers only, and snow boarders are not allowed to participate in club activities.

Nominations are now being accepted until December 31 for athletes to be inducted into the Winchester Hall of Fame. To be nominated, candidates must have been graduated for at least 10 years and receive the support, in writing, of five former or current residents of Winchester. Packaged nominations should be sent to Whitney Gay, 5 North Gateway, Winchester, 01890. Call 781-729-1319 for more information.

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: The players are Wes Parker, Jim Lefebvre, Jim Gilliam, and Maury Wills.

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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Members \$6 and guests \$8. For further information call Steve at 988-9528 or Donna at 658-2410.

MESSIAH SING IN STONEHAM

A Messiah Sing featuring the Stoneham Chamber Players, Kristjan A. Asgeirsson, conductor with Lynette Schenkel, Soprano; Nina Stepniak, alto; and Pall Kalmanson, bass will be held on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 pm at the Stoneham Seventh-day Adventist Church, 29 Maple Street in Stoneham.

Admission is free and for further information call 781-438-0200.

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD MEETS IN TEWKSBURY

The Embroiderers' Guild of American, Inc., is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form. Meetings of the Merrimack Valley Chapter are held at 7 pm on the third Tuesday evening of the months of September through May, at the Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East Streets, in Tewksbury.

For more information about the workshops, call Pat Timpanaro at 781-665-4118 or for more information about joining the Merrimack Valley Chapter and participating in its educational activities, call Rosemary Carter at 781-893-0959.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL SEMINAR

Cedardale Health & Fitness in Haverhill will be hosting a two day girls volleyball seminar on Saturday, December 16 and Saturday, December 23 from 1 to 3:30 pm.

The seminar is open to all girls in sixth through ninth grade who are interested in learning the basics of volleyball as played in Massachusetts high schools.

Participants will be shown the proper technique in over-hand service, setting, bumping, and spiking, as well as an overview of all scholastic rules. The seminar will be instructed by All-American and recent Hall of Fame Inductee Lorraine Weymouth.

The cost of the two-day event is \$30 per participant. For more information contact Doug Aylward at Cedardale Health & Fitness at 978-373-1596.

FOREVER PLAID COMING TO WALTHAM

The Reagle Players announce the opening of "Forever Plaid" on January 26. This sparkling family musical production has been called sheer musical bliss by the Los Angeles Times. Local papers called "Forever Plaid" sensational. The musical is beep-beep, do-wap doodle/doodle wonderful!

Original cast member Guy Stroman will join the Reagle Players as guest director for this production. Performances will be Friday, January 26 at 8 pm, Saturday, January 27 at 2 pm and 8 pm and Sunday, January 28 at 2 pm.

Tickets are \$26 for adults and \$17 for children. All performances will be held at the Robinson Theatre, 617 Lexington Street in Waltham.

There will be reserved seat-

ing, Visa/Mastercard will be accepted, there is plenty of free parking and it is wheelchair accessible.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH DECEMBER 16

The Polymnia Choral Society, under the direction of James E. Reyes, will present Handel's Messiah at 7:30 pm on Saturday, December 16 at the Melrose Highlands Congregational Church, 355 Franklin Street in Melrose.

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THEATER REVIEW

"A Christmas Carol" a holiday delight

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

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Professional theater has arrived in Stoneham and brought the spirit of the holiday season along with it.

With a special production of "The Christmas Carol" the Stoneham Theatre & Ensemble has definitely gotten off on the right foot. The production is well done by all measures of good theater and the acting is top notch in most cases.

Ed Peeds characterization of Ebenezer Scrooge is very important in setting the pace of the show. Peeds, an Actors Equity Association member, brings the right amount of humor and pathos to the part.

He is able to create a believability and to keep the Scrooge character from descending to the level of a slapstick caricature.

It is a pleasure to see Scrooge react to the visits of Marley and the three Spirits of Christmas without the benefit of the technology of even early Hollywood. Although it takes place on stage the use of good choreography gives the audience the feeling that a magical trip is taking place as the Spirits whisk Scrooge from location to location.

Scott Severance is called upon to use his considerable talents in several different roles and is able to keep them nicely separate.



SCROOGE AND TINY TIM celebrate the renewal of the Christmas spirit in front of the new Stoneham Theatre, which opened December 2. Ed Peed plays the role of Scrooge, and Erica Schoneberger is Tiny Tim in this lavish play featuring the season's favorite music. Call 781-279-2200 for tickets and information.

Severance's Ghost of Christmas Present is well done. He is able to have fun with it and keep the character believable while making the Spirit larger than life.

A surprise to those that do not look at the program before hand is the performance of Tiny Tim and Ignorance, both played by Erica "Ricki" Schoneberger. The eight year old girl brings a maturity to the part of Tiny Tim and makes the audience think it is a young lad playing the part.

The set design and the special effects that are used in the

show are reason enough to take the trip to Stoneham and see it. A Christmas Carol will be presented until December 24 and can be considered a Christmas gift to anyone wishing to partake in it.

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Four out of five Americans will suffer from back pain at some time in their lives. And to seek relief they will purchase prescription or over-the-counter medications at a cost of \$20 billion to \$50 billion annually.

In a recent Internet survey among 378 primary care physicians, the majority of them (87%) reported that patients with acute lower back pain waited three or more days before seeking medical help.

Furthermore, physicians indicated that the primary reasons for seeking help were that the condition interfered with their ability to work, to conduct daily

activities and because over-the-counter treatments were ineffective. The survey was sponsored by pain.com, the foundation's Web site.

According to information posted on www.pain.com, the most common source of lower back pain is damaged muscles. The paraspinals, parallel rows of muscles that run up and down either side of the spinal column, are the major muscle group implicated in lower back injury.

The survey found a strong connection between diet, exercise and lower back health. Physician reported that for nearly half (45%) of their patients with acute lower back pain, the pain was in some way caused by, or aggravated by, excessive weight.

Virtually all physicians (98%) considered pain reduction one of their first three treatment goals, followed by reduced inflammation (59%) and relief of stress and/or muscle relaxation (40%).

Prescription non-narcotic analgesics (70%) and muscle relaxants (66%) were the top treatment choices of physicians. Other recommended therapies include exercise (62%), heat therapy (59%) and/or rest (50%).

To learn more about pain management, visit www.pain.com. This is the only web site dedicated to helping pain patients cope with their conditions. The site includes a geographical listing of pain specialists and clinics worldwide, daily personal advice from practicing pain specialists, as well as tips from fellow pain sufferers. Pain sufferers can also explore treatment options and communicate with others via electronic discussion groups and chat rooms.

Birth

ANTHONY & KRISTEN (PETERSON) COTA of Reading announce the birth of their daughter, Christina Peterson Cota, at Winchester Hospital on October 26, 2000. Christina joins her brother Anthony, age 5 1/2 at home.

Grandparent honors are extended to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cota of North Reading and Mrs. William Peterson of Eliot, Maine. Great grandparent honors are extended to Mrs. Phyllis Filos of Stoneham.

School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

A 'growing' problem in Burlington

"The Francis Wyman After School Program is growing rapidly, and Director Laura Driscoll and the School Committee are seeking solutions to deal with burgeoning numbers," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"In the parent handbook issued at the beginning of the school year, it is indicated the program 'accommodates 80 elementary school-aged children,'

"School Committee member Thomas F. Murphy Jr. asked Driscoll how many students were in the program, and she answered 109.

"There is a concern about the program becoming too large and losing its personal feeling," said Driscoll.

"There is also a waiting list of 37 students waiting to join.

"It has grown significantly over the past six years and it is fully subscribed," said Driscoll.

"In further discussing space options, Driscoll said it is the

Academic horizons go with the flow

consensus of parents that they want to keep the program at the Francis Wyman, even though that may not be feasible if more students are accommodated.

"Parents prefer to see the program expanded at Francis Wyman, and the consensus is that tuition funds stay within the program," Driscoll stated...."

A 'drilling' bit in Lynnfield

"The Lynnfield elementary schools are taking up 'indoor safety' drills," notes the "Lynnfield Villager."

"In the case of an intruder or any threat from outside, the 'indoor safety' alarm will blast three times. Upon hearing the alarm students at the Summer St. School know to take cover underneath their desks while teachers lock the classroom doors. At the Huckleberry School, children are asked to simply make sure they are in a classroom.

"In the context of rising school violence, the staff of Summer Street and Huckleberry Hill schools decided they wanted to take a pro-active approach to

school safety.

"The tragedies at schools such as Columbine have heightened awareness in communities and school administrations across the country. In many cases they have spurred schools to take similar precautions.

"At the Summer Street School the windows are low enough that an intruder could walk right up and see in...that's why we have the children hide underneath their desks, said the Principal Francine Goldstein.

"We don't explain the drills to students in terms of violence or Columbine," explained Goldstein.

"We just want them to understand that sometimes it is safer to be inside."

"Other threats that the alarm might be used for are a violent storm or a rabid animal...."

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School Notes to S-8

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In 1999, with the support of individuals, organizations, and local businesses our offices were able to provide more than 1,100 stockings to needy children throughout our communities!

Partnering with Head Start, SPIN (Serving People in Need) in Lynn, and Haven from Hunger, we were really able to make a difference last year.

This year, the need is even greater and we need your help. There are many different ways that individuals and organizations can help including donating filled stockings; providing empty stockings to be filled (we have a pattern for homemade stockings); supplying items to fill stockings; providing stockings and contents for us to assemble; or providing cash contributions. We also accept donations of small toys, hats, mittens, and baby items for distribution to local shelters and

other social service agencies. We cannot emphasize enough how much we rely on the support of community members, as well as North Area companies and their personnel, to make this program a success. Please help us provide a happy holiday season for all the residents of our North Area communities!

Stockings are filled by volunteers and distributed to children (infants to 10 years of age) during the Holiday Season. Empty stockings are now available for pickup at our Peabody office (85 Lowell Street) or our Melrose office (786 Main Street).

Suggested stocking stuffers (all items must be new and unwrapped) include: bibs, rattles, pacifiers, coloring books, crayons, water color paints, pens/pencils, note pads, small games, yo-yo's, balls, chewing gum, toothbrushes, toothpaste,

clay, puzzles, harmonicas, small cars/trucks, dolls, jewelry, ribbons/bows, barrettes, brush/combs, stuffed animals, mittens/gloves, hats, socks.

Please DO NOT include: military or political items, glass jars or bottles, any item that contains toxic material, fruit, chocolate candy or unwrapped candy. Also, please do not wrap any of the gifts. Please specify age group and gender according to the contents of the stockings.

For more information, please contact one of our North Area offices. Our Peabody office can be reached M-F 8:30am-4:30pm at 978-531-2280. You can also contact our Melrose office M-F 9:30am-1pm at 781-665-1351. Thank you so much for supporting your local American Red Cross and helping to make this holiday season special for North Area children!!

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- Turn off and unplug all appliances when not in use. Periodically check on food being cooked in an oven, microwave, or on the stove.

- Use caution when using electrical appliances. Never plug more than one high wattage appliance into a single outlet. Check appliances for frayed or cracked cords and make sure to have them repaired by a professional technician if needed. Never stand in or near water when using electrical appliances.

- Keep young children at least 3 feet away from kitchen appliances when cooking. If you allow older children to cook, supervise them closely and teach them safe cooking practices.

- Dress appropriately for cooking. Wear short or tight fitting sleeves and use caution when working near heat sources.

- Have plenty of fire-resistant potholders and oven mitts ready for use while cooking.

- Turn handles inward so pots and pans won't be pulled or knocked off the stove.

- Keep the stovetop clean and clear. Store combustible materials away from heat sources.

- Save operating instructions for rarely used appliances and reread them before each use.

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According to the NFPA, a home fire occurs every 82 seconds in this country. In 1999 alone, approximately 383,000 fires occurred in residences, killing 2,895 people and injuring 16,425. While home heating is usually a necessity during the colder months, home fires should not be a consequence!

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M.E. Santa needs your help

The Middlesex East Santa is once again in full swing and looking for the support of local donors to aid in the Salvation Army's task of assisting local families.



THE SALVATION ARMY is still in need of bell ringers for collection booths inside the Burlington Mall. Despite the efforts of many groups and individuals, the Salvation Army is having a difficult time filling all spots. Here, Lisa Gerett of Reading, a senior, helps out as part of the Reading National Honor Society. To date, many groups, like the girl's gymnastic team from Wakefield High School and the Reading High School basketball program, have chipped in to help fill time slots. But, despite the help, more bell ringers are still desperately needed. All locations are indoors at the Burlington Mall and other area stores. Groups, children, families are all welcome. A group donating more than 100 collective hours can be compensated. Call 781-942-2083 ext 3 to help.

The work of the Salvation Army is well known but what is quite often overlooked is the fact that they have a real involvement with local communities bringing them joy and hope at Christmas.

Mary Jo Renaldi has been named Fund Raising Coordinator for the local communities. She lives in Reading and has enlisted the services of such groups as the Wakefield High Gymnastics Team and the Reading Memorial High National Honor Society to assist in the project.

The M.E. Santa Fund supplements the funds raised by Bell-ringers and are directed to families in local communities.

Please consider making a financial contribution to assist the many fine projects of the Salvation Army sending it to:

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Middlesex East Publications, in association with the Salvation Army will sponsor "M.E. Santa" this holiday season to benefit needy individuals and families in the area.

In many past years, the Salvation Army has worked quietly within the communities. But this year it is asking for assistance due to increased pressure to provide services.

Funds will be distributed locally in the M.E. communities, which include Wilmington, Tewksbury, North Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, Woburn, Wakefield, Winchester.

A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December.

Corporations and individuals are encouraged to include their names as part of their donations as efforts are made to promote the fund.

The "M.E. Santa" effort is actually part of the Salvation Army's ongoing service program. Please Help!

Donations should be mailed to:
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All Proceeds To Benefit Local Families

Woodchips

From S-1

tico Virginia said, "If you can't LEAD and won't follow- GET the heck out of the way."

Bob Bonney asked a taxi driver, "what are your rates?" "Two dollars for the first quarter mile and One dollar thereafter." "O'Kay," Bob replied, "Get going I'll run behind you for the first quarter mile."

Bob told me, "in the glass business it's ONE PANE after ANOTHER."

Answer the ONE that is NOT a NICKEL is the fifty Cents Piece.

PERSONALITY WINNERS, Joanne Collins, Philip Broder, Gertoux Maria Giangrade,

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Atty. Cory S. Arter, Ted Benton, Carla Batista, Sam and Ann Rocco, Christine Marie Carr all of WINCHESTER.

Julie Sullivan, Nicole Bevington, Sheila Carlson, Nina Griswold, Domenic Grossi Jr., all of BURLINGTON.

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Peter Townsend, Ashley Whalen, Allison Shelton, Jane Maguire and William Watt all of WAKEFIELD.

Eric Moore, Melissa Semenza, Caitlin Sullivan, David Wojtezak and James Fallon all of STONEHAM.



There are seven differences in the second picture. Can you spot them?

Joe Williams, Jim Hanley, Ed Williams, Dick Grinder and Rick Allen all of WILMINGTON.

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READING, Frank Renda of WAKEFIELD, Karl Amundson and Fabio Francisco of STONEHAM, Tiny Meehan of WILMINGTON, Mark Cintolo of TEWKSBURY, Rebecca Flom of LYNNFIELD, Adam Forrest of NORTH READING.

Folks, my father-in-law sent me a "Thank YOU Note" the day after I married Kathy.

I told Kathy, "I invited Blackie Vega over for dinner tonight." "I'm glad you told me," she said, "I'll hide the silverware."

The insurance adjuster asked Howie Murphy, "when did you first notice that your roof was leaking?" "Last night," Howie said, "when it took me an hour to finish my soup."

My cousin Gina Aloisi told her class, "we are going to have a half day of school this morning." The children's grins disappeared when she added, "we are going to have the other half this afternoon."

A lawyer told my cousin Mario, "if YOU lose this case 'I' get nothing. If, I win this case 'YOU' get nothing."

My Aunt Nora shouted to the

paper hanger, "are you working, I don't hear any noise?" "Well," he shouted back, "I'm not nailing the wall paper to the wall!"

Anita told her husband Jimmy, "you better slow down, there's a police car in back with blinking lights trying to get by."

I took Kathy out to dinner. she ordered steak and got it right away. I ordered lobster and when the waiter finally came I told him, "this lobster has one claw missing." "Yes, I know," he said, "it was in a

fight." "Well," I asked, "why didn't you bring me the WINNER?" "The cook said," he replied, "he reads your Woodchips column every week so, he told me to bring this lobster to another LOSER!"

When Christopher Columbus landed he asked a group of Indians, "How the heck did you get here before me and my crew?" "UGH!" the Indian Chief replied, "We have RESERVATIONS!"

sending out the surveys.

"Said Clarkin, 'I think that by sending out the survey it is certainly going to raise the level of (parents') expectations (for a full-day program) even though it (the survey) doesn't say that we're going to implement it."

"Clarkin elaborated by saying that parents with young children may not have been exposed yet to the school system, so they may not fully understand the 'balancing act' that is demanded from the School Committee during budget discussions.

"Added Clarkin, 'I just hope that we would proceed with extreme caution and listen to all priorities that are being identified by everybody, not just by the parents of three and four-year-olds'.

"O'Donnell reiterated her belief that the survey would prove to be a useful tool in determining whether or not the full-day program should rank among the school system's highest priorities.

"Full-day Kindergarten is one of the most critical issues in regards to identifying at-risk children and really dealing with that whole issue," O'Donnell said. "It is probably one of the most significant preventative programs. In fact, our state's surveys and national surveys all are pointing to full-day Kindergarten...."

Towns From S-3

after several tries, or if there is a busy signal several times in a row, a police officer will respond to check on the person. If the subscriber plans to be away, a simple call to the police department will stop the calls for as long as needed. Contact Sergeant Mark Zimmerman, program manager at (978) 664-3131 X187 for more information or an appointment to enroll, or Mrs. Edith O'Leary or Ms. Mary Preeney of the Council on Aging at (978) 664-5600 for information.

Stoneham

"Stoneham Police Chief

Eugene Passaro has submitted his one year's notice of resignation to the Town," notes the "Stoneham Independent."

"Passaro's last day with the Stoneham Police will be Halloween, 2001."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper for up-to-date information about your city or town. We also welcome original material - please send it to Phyllis Nissen, "About the Towns," Middlesex East Supplement, Box 240, Reading, MA 01867.

School Notes

From S-6

menting a full-day Kindergarten program next year?" notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

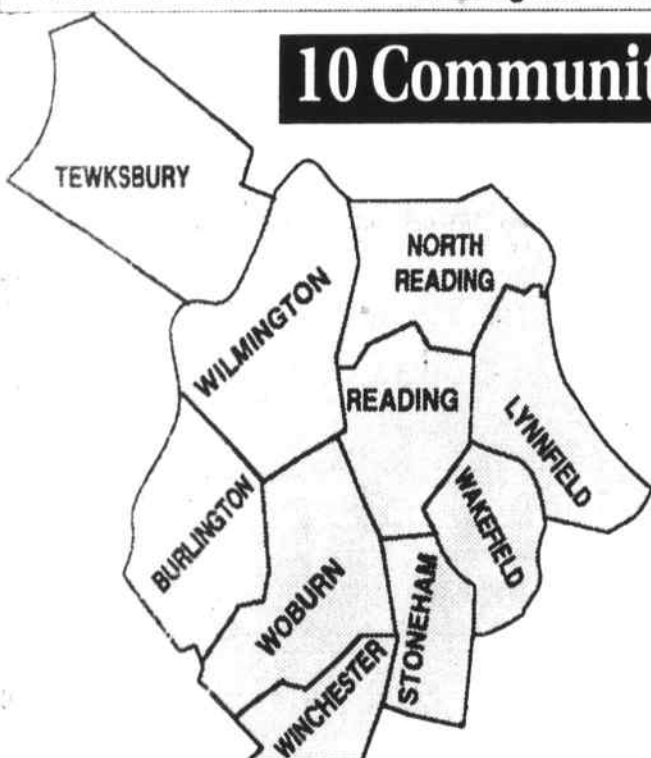
"Parents with children ages three and four will be able to add their two cents to the discussion. 'If, within a month or so, there are parents of three or four-year-olds who don't receive this survey, then, by all means, call our office or drop in at our early childhood center,' said Superintendent of Schools Geraldine O'Donnell at a School Committee meeting. 'We'd be happy to have you fill one out.'

"The survey will be the product of a readiness committee that O'Donnell has formed to determine the feasibility of such a full-day program. Another committee has also been formed to explore what curricula such a program would possibly follow.

"At this point, a full-day Grade K program is not a given. 'It's up to the School Committee,' said O'Donnell. 'It always has been.'

"Committee member Suzanne Clarkin underscored that assertion. While Clarkin maintained that she does not dispute the value of a full-day Kindergarten program, she did question the message that might be sent in

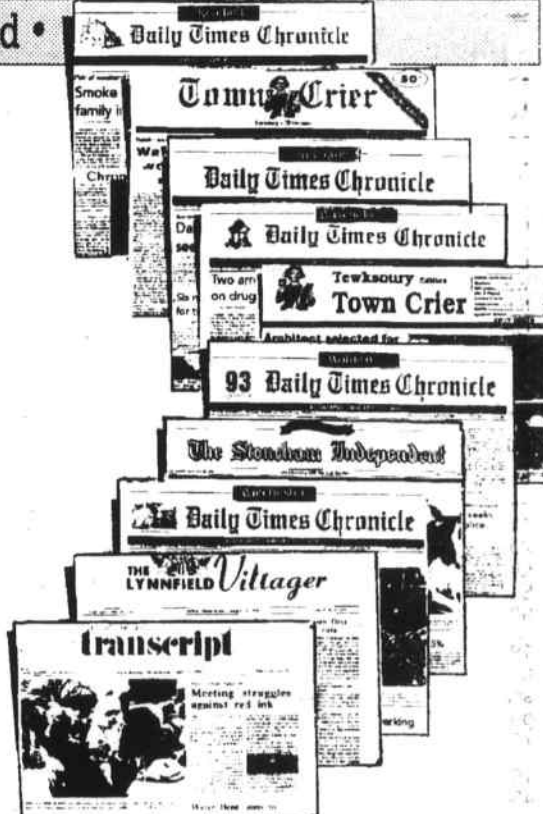
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MOVIE REVIEWS

"Unbreakable" entertaining

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MOVIE: "UNBREAKABLE"
GRADE: ***

Review: Director M. Night Shyamalan, who brought us the surprise hit "The Sixth Sense", once again teams up with Bruce Willis to bring this tale of a seemingly indestructible man.

Willis plays David Dunn, the lone survivor of a terrible train wreck. He doesn't have a scratch on him, which leads Samuel L. Jackson's character, a very frail comic book collector, to believe that Dunn may be placed here on Earth to be a real life super hero. Initially Dunn thinks he's crazy, but he begins to believe after he notices other strange powers he possesses.

The story is interesting enough, and Willis and Jackson both give strong performances. The best thing about "Sixth Sense" was the surprise ending, but this one's ending leaves much to be desired.

SHORTTAKES

MOVIE: "RUGRATS IN PARIS"
GRADE: ***

Review: Those lovable munchkins are back, as they trek across the Atlantic in search of a Mom for Chuckie.

Tommy, Chuckie, Phil and Lil, and the rest of the gang are all back again, and the pals get together in the city of love to help Chuckie's dad find a significant other, thereby fulfilling Chuckie's one true wish. But an evil woman, who needs a family to receive a promotion at work, decides to try and take advantage of the situation, so it's up to our half-pint heroes to save the day again.

The kids will love it, and there are enough inside jokes to keep adults laughing as well.

MOVIE: "THE SIXTH DAY"
GRADE: ***

Review: After several flops at

the box office, Arnold Schwarzenegger stars in his best film in years in this tale of cloning gone bad.

"Ah-nold" plays the owner of an extreme tour company in the very near future, when cloning of dead pets is allowed, even profitable, but human cloning is outlawed.

His character becomes caught up in the assassination plot of a Bill Gates-type billionaire, played by Tony Goldwyn, and is cloned without his permission. He sees his double, and begins a war on the company that created it to get his identity, and family, back.

The film resembles an earlier Schwarzenegger hit, "Total Recall", and returns to the fun of his earlier action films, complete with a signature 'tag' line. The effects are good, the stunts are average, and the plot line is more interesting than most science fiction films that have come along lately.

MOVIE: "THE GRINCH"
GRADE: ***

Review: Director Ron Howard has created a film that is destined to be a holiday classic for year's to come, but he tries to bring too much original material to a story that many hold near and dear to their hearts.

Jim Carrey, the man of 1,000 faces, covers his with makeup to transform into the Grinch, a miserly, cantankerous fellow who lives on Mt. Crumpit, which overlooks the town of Whoville. The residents of the town, the Whos, know how to celebrate the holidays, especially Christmas, which annoys the Grinch. He sets out to make sure that Christmas doesn't come this year, while little Cindy Loo Who sets out to prove to the world that there is still some good in the Grinch's heart, which is about too sizes too small.

Carrey is wonderful as the Grinch, and the visuals bring the pages of the Dr. Seuss class to vivid life. But Howard tries to bring too much of himself to the storyline, including trying to explain why the Grinch is so Grinchy (he was spited by other children when he was young). He should have stuck to the original story, which has become a holiday favorite for several generations.

MOVIE: "THE LEGEND OF BAGGER VANCE"
GRADE: ***

Review: Robert Redford has created another gem in this story of a golfer who has lost his swing.

Matt Damon stars as a former top golfer who can't find his game, due to booze and traveling down the wrong road in life. Along comes Bagger Vance, a mysterious caddy played by Will Smith, who helps him turn around his game, as well as his life.

Both Smith and Damon turn in strong performances, along with Charlize Theron as a woman from the golfer's past, and Redford once again displays a knack for weaving a strong storyline with stunning visuals.

MOVIE: "CHARLIE'S ANGELS"
GRADE: ***

Review: This movie version of the 1970's hit television series works because it doesn't take itself too seriously.

Drew Barrymore produced and stars in this action flick, alongside Cameron Diaz and Lucy Liu, who update the storyline of three women who solve crimes while working for the mysterious Charlie, a man whom they never see, but are willing to risk their lives for. Bill Murray also stars as Bosley, the bumbling man assigned to keep an eye on the Angels.

Much like "The Brady Bunch Movie" that came out a few years ago, the movie works because the director knows that what made the TV show so popular was its cheesiness. The plot is thin, but the action sequences make up for it, and the actresses manage to pull off a sense of "Girl Power", while managing to make you laugh.

MOVIE: "BOOK OF SHADOWS: BLAIR WITCH 2"
GRADE: **1/2

Review: Bad acting spoils what is an original idea for a sequel to the surprise hit of 1999, "The Blair Witch Project".

Documentarian extraordinaire Joe Berlinger directs this one, but it's unclear whether the bad acting should be blamed on him or the unknowns who make up the starring cast. The ensemble does get better as the film moves along to a scary climax.

but the first half hour is almost painful to sit through.

The plotline pokes some fun at the hysteria caused by the release of the first movie, and is based on the premise that the movie was just that, a work of fiction, but that people began flocking to Burkittsville, Maryland, the site of the film, to walk the same woods as the three missing college students. Five strangers gather to take part in "The Blair Witch Hunt", an overnight camping trip into the dreaded woods, led by an odd fellow who turns out to be a former mental patient.

There are some ritualistic killings, and the film will leave you wondering whether the campers committed them, or were they simply pawns controlled by something more sinister? Very creepy, and confusing.

MOVIE: "MEET THE PARENTS"
GRADE: ***

Review: Ben Stiller has another comedic hit on his hands with this laugh-out-loud film.

Stiller plays a man who wants to get married to his girlfriend, but first he must meet and spend some time with her parents. Robert De Niro plays her hard-nosed father, who begins to run him through all sorts of tests designed to prove that he isn't really the one for her. The results are very funny, with De Niro once again showing that he is a master of comic timing, as well as dramatic roles.

The gags are very funny, as well as thoughtful, and the whole package is completed by some genuinely touching scenes.

MOVIE: "GIRLFIGHT"
GRADE: ***

Review: What could have been "Rocky" without the Y chromosome manages to be so much more in this film, which took top honors at the Sundance Film Festival.

Newcomer Michelle Rodriguez plays a woman unhappy with her homelife, living with her father and brother.

When she does and errand for her father at a gym where her brother works out, she notices the boxers and realizes that the sport could provide an outlet for the pain and frustration she feels. She takes up the sport, and surprises everyone by succeeding.

Though the training sequences are reminiscent of the Rocky movies, the movie explores the relationship between men and women on a much deeper level, and stays away from the stereotypes of a sports-related movie.

MOVIE: "REMEMBER THE TITANS"
GRADE: ***

Review: This story knows how to push all the right buttons, but what it can't do is disguise what's coming.

Denzel Washington plays a black football coach who takes the reins of a program shortly after integration is put in place within the school system. He has the daunting task of teaching the players to win, while also trying to help them get along with each other and ignore the racial stereotypes they have been taught.

Washington gives a stellar performance, almost saving this movie from itself. One wishes while watching it that the producers had trusted the audience

to follow along with the story and react accordingly, rather than being prompted before each emotional scene with sentimental music, and loud melodies before each important action scene on the field. It's worth seeing, but it breaks no new ground.

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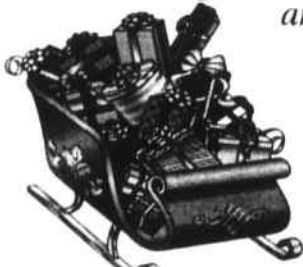
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natural tendency to start applying paint as quickly as possible, but even the best quality paints can fail prematurely if they are applied to a dirty or unsound surface.

Before beginning to paint, make sure the surface is clean and free of dirt and chalk. Use soap and water with a scrub brush, then rinse. or, consider using a power washer, which may be rented. Treat any mildew on the surface with 1:3 mixture of household bleach and water. Apply the mixture and allow it to remain on the surface for 20 minutes, adding more as it dries. Be sure to wear eye protection.

Remove any loose, flaking or peeling paint by scraping, sanding or wire-brushing. Feather back rough paint edges by sanding. If you are repainting a glossy surface, be sure to sand it so that the new paint will adhere better. And spot prime any bare wood.

Finally, brush off any dust or particles left from the sanding and scraping prior to painting.

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3. Use the right tools and brushes. To get the best results from your top quality paint, apply it with good quality brushes, rollers and application equipment. They'll make the work more effortless and help you apply a thicker, more uniform coat of paint for a better-looking, longer-lasting paint job.

On large jobs, you might want to use spray painting equipment, which you can obtain at many paint outlets and tool rental centers. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations for safe and proper operation.

With brushes and rollers, be sure that you have the right type of applicator for the paint you are applying. Use synthetic-bristle brushes and synthetic-paint rollers for latex paints, and brushes and rollers made of either natural or synthetic fibers for oil-based or alkyd paints.

Finally, when choosing brushes, favor those that are tightly packed, well-balanced and springy. The best brushes generally have unfinished wood handles for the best gripping characteristics.

4. Paint in the right weather conditions. Choose the right type of day to do your exterior painting. Ideally, you should paint when the temperature is between 70 and 85 degrees and when there is little or no wind. It's also best to avoid painting in direct sunshine, since the surface of your house can be 10 or even 20 degrees hotter than the air temperature, which can cause the paint to dry too quickly and compromise its durability.

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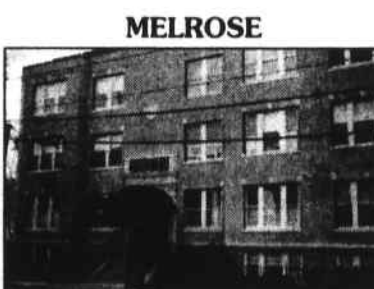
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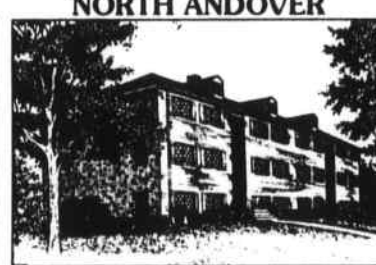
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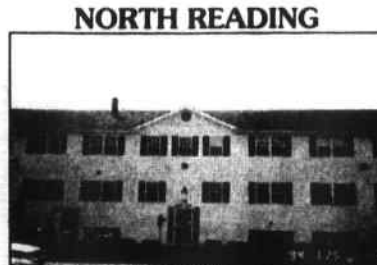
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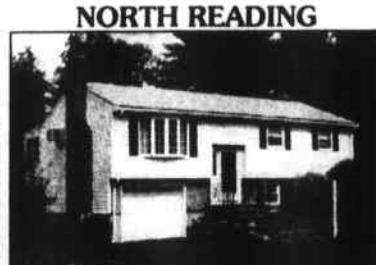
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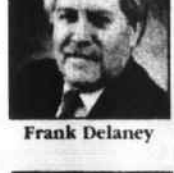
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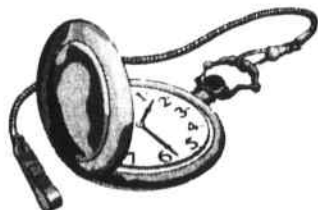
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SENIOR CUSTODIAN

Department Public Works, maintains City buildings, primarily but not limited to City Hall. Maintains HVAC, electrical, plumbing systems, making minor repairs and ensuring all systems in working order. Repairs walls, paints and makes minor carpentry changes. Cleans buildings, daily and intermittent heavy duty cleaning, including stripping and waxing floors. Maintains grounds to be clean, orderly and free of hazards; includes snowblowing/shoveling. Qualifications include Electrical Journeyman's License, experience in various trades and ability to operate heavy machinery. Base Salary - \$34,760.00 for 40 hpw. Some overtime.

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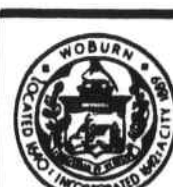
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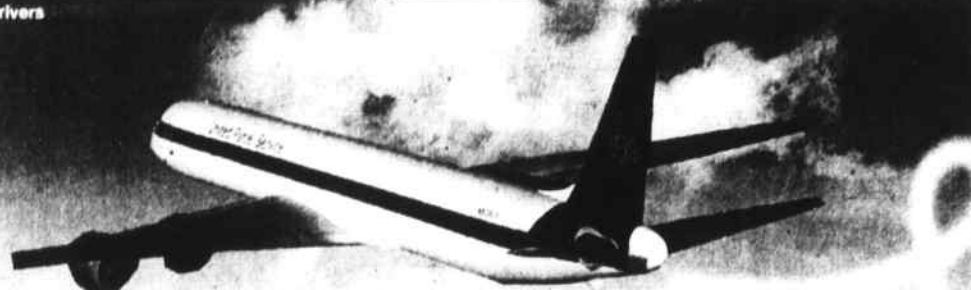


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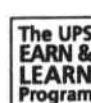
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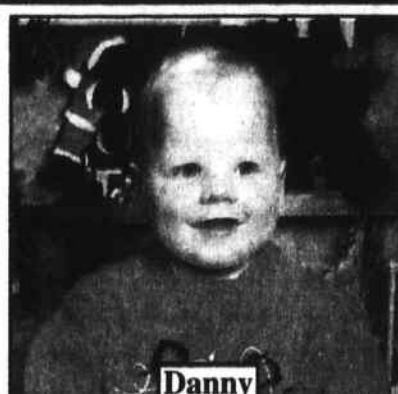
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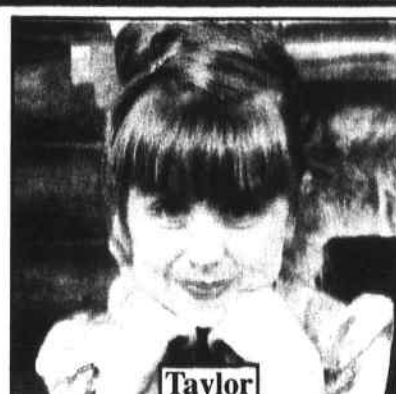
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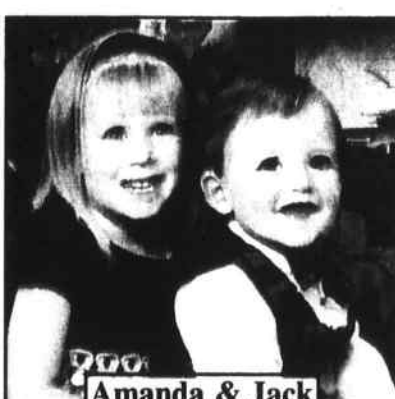
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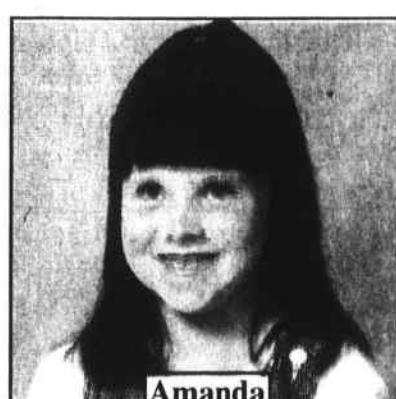
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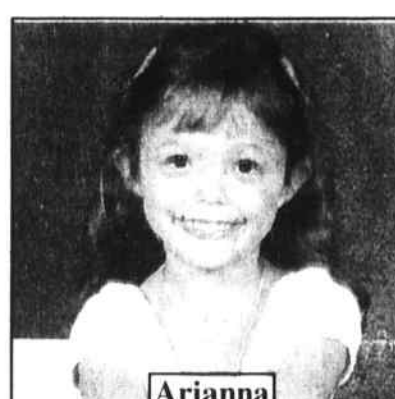
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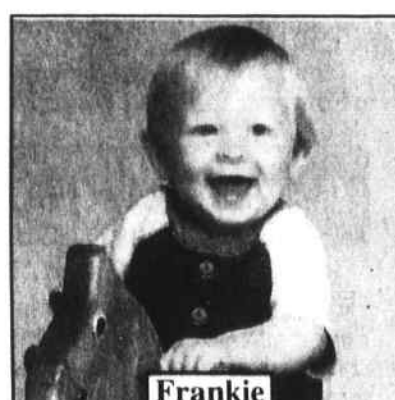
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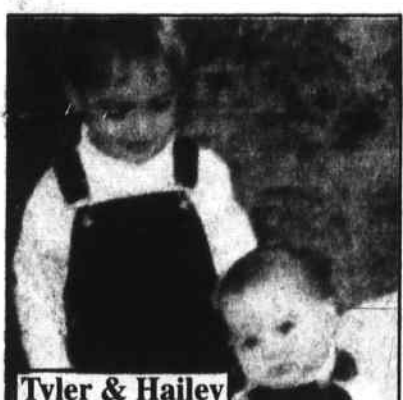
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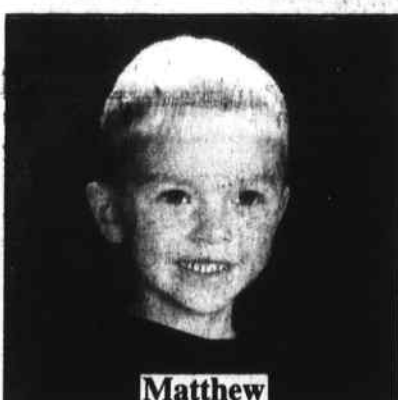
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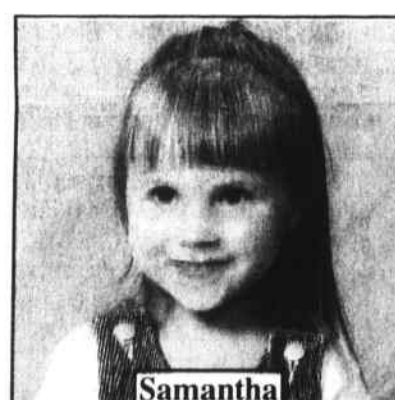
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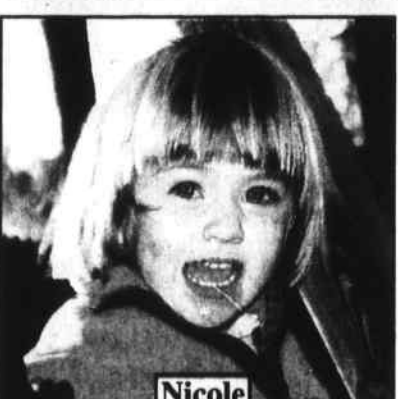
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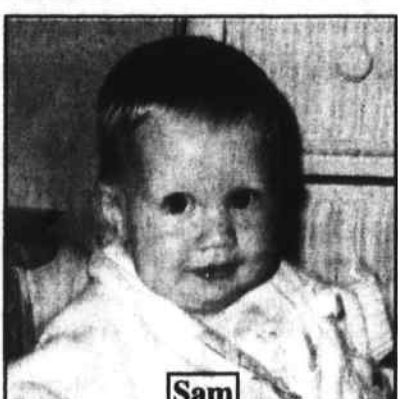
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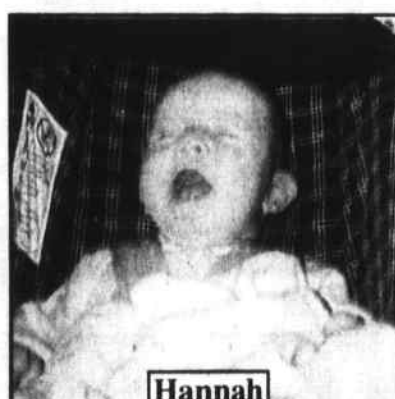
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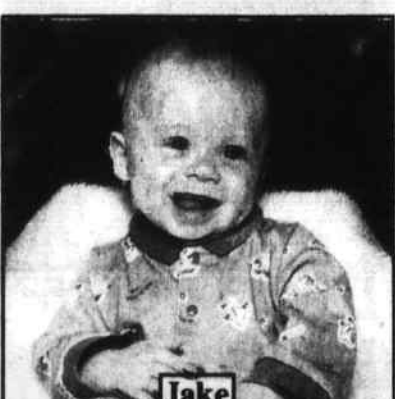
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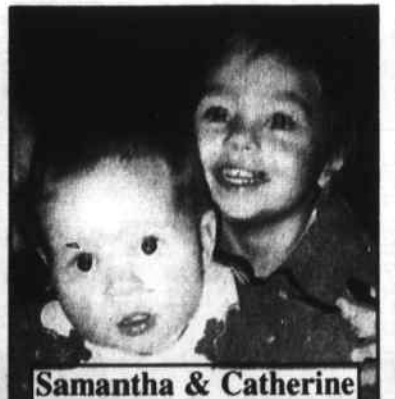
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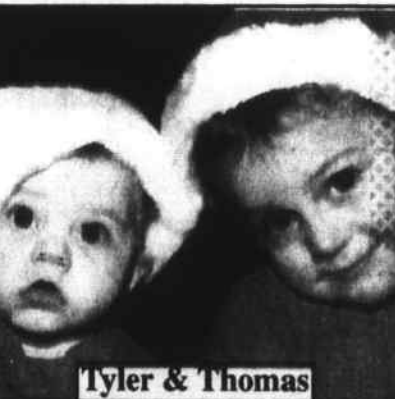
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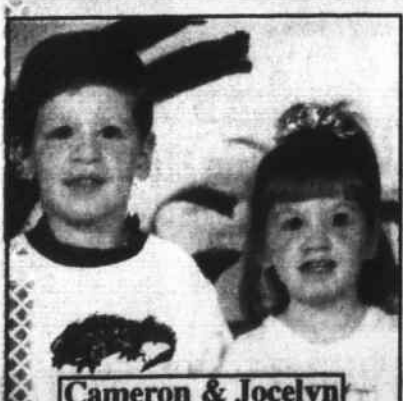
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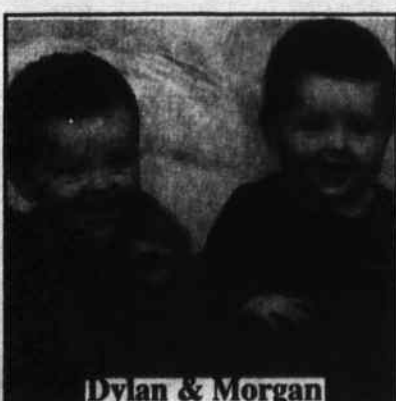
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Christmas Eve:
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Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.,
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Tewksbury Date Book

Having a hard time: Feeding your family? Call Project Bread's Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. The Hotline is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First Thursday: of Each month, 7 p.m., Shawsheen River Watershed Assoc. meets at Blair House, Erlin Terrace. Call 978-686-7050.

Third Sat., of each month: Good Will Industries at Tewks. DPW from

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to collect computers and tvs. Donation of \$5 will be requested.

Public invited. Proceeds benefit Toys for Tots. Call 978-658-5556.

Thurs., Jan. 4: SERVE New England signup, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tewks. Senior Center, 175 Chandler St. Call 851-3344.

Mon., Jan. 8: Tewks. Seniors off to Foxwood. Call 978-640-4482.

Sun., Jan. 14: 9 a.m. to noon, Tewks. Comm. Pantry open for food distribution; 999 Whipple Road. Call 978-640-4306.

Mon., Jan. 15: 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tewks. Comm. Pantry open for distribution of food. Call 978-640-4306.

Sat., Jan. 20: 10 a.m. to noon, Tewks. Comm. Pantry open for distribution of food, 999 Whipple Road. Call 978-640-4306.

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Tues., Thurs: Evenings at 7 and Friday at 10 a.m., Internet classes at Wil. Mem. Library. Call 658-2967.

Thursday evenings: Merrimack Valley Chorus open rehearsals/auditions, 7:30 p.m., Wil. Arts Council, Rte. 62. Call 978-851-7764; www.merrimackvalleychorus.com

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Now through Dec. 30: Register at the library for next preschool storytime session scheduled to run from Jan. 3 to Feb. 9. Call 658-2967.

Sat., Dec. 23-25: Wil. Mem. Library closed. Open Sat., Dec. 30 and closed Jan. 1.

Dec. 26-29: WCTV Winter Vacation Video Camp 1 to 3 p.m. at the station. Call 978-657-4066.

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